

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

Seeking Speech Language Pathologist to work as part of an Assistive Technology team to conduct evaluations, provide consultation for students ages 3-22, and professional development in SSEC programs and public school settings.

Experience with conducting assistive technology and augmentative alternative communication assessments, implementing AT and AAC strategies in the classroom, and training educators and parents preferred. MA State Licensure and DESE Educator License required.

Please send cover letter, resume and copy of license(s) to Dawn Flaherty, Director of Therapy and Assistive Technology Services, at dflaherty@ssec.org.

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**South Shore Educational Collaborative
75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES Friday, March 3, 2023

Present:	James Lee	Braintree
	Patrick Sullivan, Ed.D.	Cohasset
	Margaret Adams	Hingham
	Judith Kuehn	Hull
	Jeff Granatino	Marshfield
	Matthew Keegan	Norwell
	Kevin Mulvey	Quincy

SSEC: Richard L. Reino, Executive Director
Erin Holder, Interim Director of Student Services
Jon Reynard, Community School Program Director

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the January 20, 2023 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved. This item was taken out of sequence to allow for a quorum to be present.

2. FY 23 financial summary and budget update. The bank balance is down a bit from this time last year. There is a possibility that the credit line may need to be used for the lump sum payment in June. Projected revenue and operating expenses were reviewed; meeting the expenses is dependent on adding 12 additional FTE's. There is only a small amount of state funding this year, as compared to last fiscal year. The budget has been frozen for the rest of the year. Mr. Granatino arrived at this time. Tuition increases next year will help; SSEC may need to eliminate the addition of a few new staffing positions. The OPEB account may be used for post-employment expenses if necessary. A suggestion was made to advertise for paraprofessional staff for the Mini School as having the classrooms embedded in the public school district locations. Another suggestion was to adjust the job descriptions to include tutoring. A motion to accept the FY 23 financial summary and budget update was made by Mr. Granatino and seconded by Mr. Keegan; unanimously approved.
3. First review of the proposed FY 24 budget. For FY 24 tuition rates will increase by 4% for member districts and 6% for non-member districts. The daily rate for the STARTS program will increase to \$330.00; this rate increase only impacts South Shore High School and the Careers High School. A brief overview of the budget was presented. If any board members wish to discuss this with the executive director, or if they have any questions, they will be addressed before the March 31st meeting.
4. SRO body camera guidelines. SSEC is considering using this technology. Legal counsel suggested sending a letter to the union explaining the use of body cameras, which was done. There are only a few circumstances under which the SRO would use the body camera. A concern was raised that discipline situations may become a police matter under these conditions. The Hingham Police chief provided a list of restrictions which would clarify when the body camera use would be appropriate. The executive director will share that information at the next meeting. The body camera may be good for use in an emergency, and it helps everyone be accountable.
5. Strategic plan discussion. The executive director asked board members if they would like to extend the current revised strategic plan for one more year, create a new 5 year plan from scratch, or update the current revised one to a 3 year plan. The board recommends updating to a 3 year plan.
6. Report from the Director of Student Services. Program development; the director explained how Educata works to gather data that is specific to each program. Special Education directors from SSEC member districts will have a meeting here in May to meet each other and develop a calendar of meetings for next year. Next fall/winter SSEC is hoping to host something for cost for staff to get PDP's to renew their licenses. This would be in the evening. Westfield State offers an online option which has been very helpful.

7. Other items; Mass Municipal Depository Trust. The SSEC treasurer is recommending moving some funds to an account here. The interest rate is better, there are no minimum balances or fees, and the funds remain fluid. The board agreed with this recommendation.
8. Executive Session: Chapter 39, Section 29, mandates that in order to go into Executive Session, the Collaborative Board must:
 - a. Do so on a roll call vote.
 - b. State purpose of Executive Session
 - c. Indicate whether the body will reconvene in public session.

Matters to be considered in Executive Session: Personnel matters

A motion was made to enter Executive Session, with the intent of returning to Open Session, was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Granatino; a roll call vote was taken, with Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Granatino voting yes, Dr. Mulvey voting yes, Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Adams voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, and Mr. Keegan voting yes; unanimously approved.

A motion to return to Open Session for the purpose of adjournment was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Granatino; a roll call vote was taken, with Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Granatino voting yes, Dr. Mulvey voting yes, Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Adams voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, and Mr. Keegan voting yes; unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.