

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by the Vice Chairperson of the Board, Ms. Lisa Murray. The following were present:

Board of Directors: Mr. Albert J. Christopher, Agawam
 Ms. Lisa Murray, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional
 Ms. Mary Keane, Longmeadow
 Ms. Erika Emmelmann, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional

Collaborative: Mr. Alvin W. Morton, I, Executive Director
 Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance
 Ms. Amy Drake, Director of Special and Alternative Education

2. A public forum was offered. There were no comments from the public.
3. Mr. Christopher moved to approve this evening's consent agenda as presented. Ms. Keane seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. Ms. Amy Drake, Director of Special and Alternative Education, gave a brief presentation of the programs and services offered under her direction. She will investigate the possibility of offering a Pre-K social emotional program as member districts have indicated an interest. Ms. Drake left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
5. A. Mr. Morton updated the group on the progress in implementing the new routing software for transportation services. He expects the application for parents to be available in April. He noted that staffing is not yet a full capacity and that we have participated in two job fairs recently through which we hope to have driver applicants. Mr. Morton also reported that the driver and monitor collective bargaining agreement expires shortly and negotiations will begin most likely in next few months.

Due to a recent incident, bus evacuation drills will become a focus in training staff and students for emergencies. He is developing a contact protocol when issues arise such as busses running late.

- B. Mr. Morton reported that the LPVEC and the MA Teachers Association have settled on contract terms for an agreement which will have to be ratified. Classroom Assistants and Individual Aides are currently working on a memorandum of understanding regarding pay structure until their contract negotiations begin in the fall.

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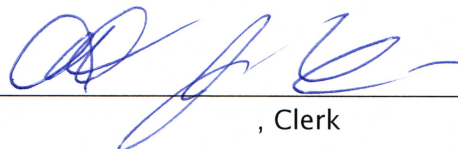
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- 6. A. Ms. Bishop reviewed the most recent revenue and expenditure report as of January 31st. She noted the current deficit in Special Education with hopes to close the gap when pending referrals materialize.
- 7. The group discussed election of a new clerk as Ms. Coyne is no longer representing West Springfield on the Board. It was the consensus to table until the next meeting when more directors are able to attend.
- 9. The Board is scheduled to meet on March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Emmelmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Christopher seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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, Clerk