

NRC Board of Directors Minutes



Friday, June 8, 2018 9:10 A.M.

Attendees: Stephen Donovan, Mike Laliberte, Patty Oakley, Matt Ferron, Liz Legault, Ruth Gilbert-Whitner, Clarice Doliber, Alan Cron, Paul Zinni Derek Swenson, Peter Schafer

Absent: Maggie Rizzi,

- I. **Call to Order-** Chair Patty Oakley called the meeting to order at 9:05
- II. **Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2018 -Motion:** Alan Cron made a motion to accept the minutes of Match 16, 2018. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously
- III. **Approval of Financials and Warrants**
Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the financials and warrants of June 8, 2018. Ruth Gilbert-Whitner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Discussion/Action Items**
 - A. **Reorganization of the Board of Directors Policy-**Steve Donovan reviewed the proposed Board re-organization policy.
Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to approve the re-organization policy for the NRC Board of Directors. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Reorganization of the Board of Directors for FY19**
Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to nominate Peter Schafer as the Chairman of the NRC Board of Directors for FY19. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to nominate Alan Cron as the Vice-Chairman of the NRC Board of Directors for FY19. Paul Zinni seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion: Ruth Gilbert-Whitner made a motion to nominate Liz Legault as the Secretary/Clerk of the NRC Board of Directors for FY19. Patty Oakley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Reorganization of NRC Board of Directors Sub-Committees for FY19
Policy & Procedure Sub-committee: Alan Cron-Chair, Christine Godino and Derek Swenson
Personnel & Evaluation Sub-committee: Matt Ferron-Chair, Patty Oakley, and Jeffrey Szymaniak.
 - C. **Request from Holbrook Public Schools to Join Collaborative FY20** - Steve reviewed the request from Holbrook Public Schools to join the collaborative for FY20. Steve explained that Holbrook is unassociated with any collaborative and currently uses NRC services and for FY19 will be using NRC Transportation for all their transportation needs.
 - Matt Ferron asked what the downside would be to accepting Holbrook as a member of NRC. There was some concern about spreading the resources of NRC thin but a positive factor is that due to their socio-economic standing, Holbrook could help NRC become eligible for more grant funding.**Motion:** Alan Cron made a motion to accept the Holbrook Public School's request for membership to North River Collaborative. Matt Ferron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Independence Academy Update-Steve discussed the budget for IA and where it currently stands in the Massachusetts state budget process. There is a distinct possibility that the budget will be cut from 3.6 million to 2.75 million for recovery high schools. IA also has a need for a Social Studies teacher and a full-time nurse. Steve advised that IA provides critical support to the students and that the program needs to continue he went on to add that the advocacy we have been doing is important and influential.
- Alan Cron asked when transportation would be supported within the state budget so that it does not cripple the districts. Steve said one solution would be to create an additional program for 45-day placement for those students who may not be totally committed to recovery.
 - Patty Oakley stated that the school districts currently have no say when student wants to go to recovery high school because it is not built into their budget. Patty went on to say that there is a mental health crisis and schools need the resources to help fix it.
 - Paul Zinni re-iterated it would be far easier if the money for the recovery high school's funding could come off the cherry sheet.
 - Liz Legault stated that in her opinion the problem is that students with addiction issues are not recognized as students with a disability; funding will always be an issue, people don't recognize that mental illness falls into the opioid crisis.
 - Derek Swenson advised he would be meeting with the commissioner this summer and would bring to discussion.
- E. Title III Sub Funds Grant Request FY19- Clarice reviewed the multiyear grant process.
- F. Summer Administrative Seminar Will be held August 21, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The program will be on legal issues.
- G. **FY18 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection and Financials:** Mike reviewed the financials as of April 30, 2018 which has a positive balance for the first time this fiscal year.
- H. **Approval of Transportation Loan Agreement for the Purchase of New Vans**
Motion Liz Legault made a motion to approve the Transportation Loan Agreement. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Approval of Executive Director as Signatory for NRC**
Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept Stephen Donovan, Executive Director, as the signatory for North River Collaborative. Alan Cron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. **Changes to the NRC Policies and Procedure Handbook:** Steve reviewed the changes to the NRC Policies and Procedure Handbook effective July 1, 2018.
Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to accept the changes to the NRC Policies and Procedures Handbook. Paul Zinni seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- K. **Changes to the Strategic Plan:** Steve presented an update of the NRC Strategic Plan and proposed an extension of one year and including the changes to North River School as a therapeutic program and the hiring of a new principal, Mark Creehan. The advocating of funding for Independence Academy and reviewing all tuition and financial schedules. Steve went on to advise that a new three-year strategic plan will be developed the following year.
Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to approve the changes to the NRC Strategic Plan. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- L. **Approval of FY19 Calendar of Meetings**
Motion: Peter Schafer made a motion to approve the FY19 calendar of meetings for the NRC Board of Directors. Derek Swenson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- M. Letters of Appointment to the NRC Board of Directors (received to date)

Abington-	Avon- Christine Godino
Bridgewater-Raynham-	East Bridgewater-Liz Legault
Hanover-	Rockland
Stoughton-	West Bridgewater-
Whitman-Hanson-	

N. Executive Director Evaluation

Motion: Peter Schafer made a motion to accept the Executive Director evaluation. Alan Cron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

O. **Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Terminations, and Approval of New Hires**

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the staff resignations, terminations, and new hires. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Other Matters of Interest to the Superintendents

V. **Informational**

A. FY18 Medicaid Eligible Students-

B. Professional Development Offerings - Steve called attention to the professional development offerings.

C. Board Training -Ethics and Conflict of Interest-Pending

1. Collaborative Board Member Training- Cron-*please contact the DESE Board Mgmt.*
2. Ethics Training Certificate- Oakley, Cron, *-please email cert. to Kelli*
3. Conflicts of Interest Sign Off – Cron-*please email sign off to Kelli*

Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Drivers/Monitors and an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to then reconvene in open session. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote: Alan Cron-Yes, Liz Legault-Yes, Patty Oakley-Yes, Derek Swenson- Yes, Matt Ferron- Yes, Peter Schafer-Yes, Ruth Gilbert-Whitner-Yes, Paul Zinni- Yes.

VI. **Executive Session**

1. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Drivers/Monitors) and an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.
2. To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Executive Director) and to re-convene in open session.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to reconvene open session and adjourn the meeting. Matt Ferron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Schafer, Board Secretary