

Minutes
December 10, 2012 MOEC Board meeting
SEEM Collaborative

Attendance: Joan Dio, Catherine Cooper, Michelle Griffin, Ruth Hersh, Joan Schuman, Cathy Lawson, Susan Rees, Richard Murphy, Susan Cuoco, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Steve Theall, Chris Lynch, Teresa Watts

Steve Theall began the meeting by giving the Executive Director's report. He stated that the AESA conference in Tampa was informative, with solid representation from eight collaboratives. Mr. Theall also reviewed a one page overview from consultant Susan Leddick, who has experience in leading ESAs in other states through the process of regionalization.

Christine Lynch of DESE then updated the board about the status of the DESE Regulations. She stated that due to the substantial number of comments during the public comment period, she did not make a presentation at the Board of Education's November meeting. She stated that she would be going to the December meeting to provide and update, with the intention of going to the January Board of Education meeting with the final version of the regulations.

Guest speaker Maureen LaCroix of DESE then gave a PowerPoint presentation: RETELL - Transforming Classrooms for English Language Learners. She first gave an overview of RETELL (Restructure Teaching and Learning for English Language Learners) and then led a discussion with the board about potential roles for collaboratives in the RETELL initiative.

Board treasurer Richard Murphy then gave his report. He described the proposed contract with Susan Leddick to provide consultation services in January and February. The board voted unanimously to hire Susan Leddick and also voted unanimously to transfer \$10,000 from reserves to the operating budget to pay for Susan Leddick's consulting services.

The Regional Reps then reported on recent activity:

- The Greater Boston region discussed the new regulations at their latest meeting.
- The Western region focused on the Berkshires in their last meeting.
- The South region talked about the new regulations, RETELL and grants at their last meeting.
- The Central region has not had a meeting since the previous board meeting.

The minutes for the November 2012 board meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by A.M. Atallah