

**MINUTES  
MOEC Executive Board Meeting  
November 2, 2009**

In attendance: Robin Ahigian, Catherine Cooper, Julie Cox, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Susan Cuoco Hassan, Anne McKenzie, Richard Murphy, Susan Rees, Joan Schuman, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Steve Theall, Dorsey Yearley

The meeting began at 9:55 a.m.

**Executive Director Report**

Steve Theall described several MOEC initiatives:

- o A potential pilot program with DESE to pair districts successful with special education students with districts struggling with special education students in the Central and South regions. This program might be coordinated through the DSACs.
- o MOEC's letter of support for legislation sponsored by the Working Group on Educator Excellence.
- o MOEC's contribution to the DESE's annual report on special education.

Several Collaboratives will be represented on panels at the MASS/MASC conference in November.

Steve Theall reminded the Board about the AESA Conference in Austin, TX in December.

Steve Theall asked the regional representatives to distribute the MOEC Annual Report 2009 to the executive directors in their regions.

Steve Theall shared Paul Harrington's thoughts on the MOEC Annual Report: further quantify collaborative purchasing savings and expand the future opportunities section.

**Legislative Update** Julie Cox Nutter McClennen & Fish

Julie Cox corrected one item on the tracking report: SB257 is still in committee.

Julie Cox and Steve Theall described recent conversations with legislators and the status of several bills relevant to Collaboratives.

**Approve minutes of September 21 meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 21 meeting. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.

## **Dr. Steve Hemman, Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools**

Dr. Hemman is chairing the committee seeking efficiencies in K-12 education convened by Representative Charles Murphy and requested input from the Board. Dr. Hemman also suggested that MOEC, MARS, MASS, MASC, and MASBO discuss coordinating the cooperative provision of services.

## **DSACs Status Report**, Robin Ahigian, DESE

Robin Ahigian asked the Collaboratives to host the six DSAC trainings.

## **Professional Development Opportunities**, Carol Doherty, Northeastern University

Carol Doherty described Northeastern's three new programs: Teaching in Context, Technology Mediated Learning, and Excellence in School Leadership.

## **SMART Plan Compensation Plan**, Jan Richardson, State Treasurer's Office

Jan Richardson described Great West Retirement Company's SMART Plan Compensation Plan.

## **Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded that

- 1) the president and treasurer be authorized to access and review all MOEC accounts
- 2) the treasurer be authorized to make MOEC-related electronic payments and payments by check as needed
- 3) the president be authorized to make electronic payments and payments by check in the event that the treasurer is unable to do so
- 4) the executive director be authorized to review all MOEC accounts
- 5) bank statements from all MOEC accounts be sent to the secretary for review and reconciliation and that the secretary review all accounts online before each Board meeting and submit a joint report with the treasurer at each Board meeting
- 6) the Board vote to approve the treasurer's report at each Board meeting.

The motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.

## **Regional Successes and Challenges**

The regional representatives from Greater Boston, Central, West, and South reported on regional meetings and initiatives.

## **Board Reflections: Where are we and where would we like to be?**

The Board discussed and made suggestions for MOEC's work in advocacy and professional development. The regional representatives agreed to discuss these topics with their regions, as well as legislation, member engagement and participation, and other issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Sabin