

**MINUTES  
MOEC Executive Board Meeting  
February 8, 2010**

In attendance: Catherine Cooper, Cathy Cummins, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Susan Hassan, Paul Hilton, John Mara, Ed McCaul, Anne McKenzie, Richard Murphy, Joan Schuman, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Nancy Sullivan, Steve Theall, Teresa Watts, Dorsey Yearley

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m.

**Katherine Craven, Executive Director, Massachusetts School Building Authority**

Steve Theall thanked Ms. Craven for her willingness to listen to the Collaboratives' concerns and expressed MOEC's encouragement in seeing the language in the draft regulations that guarantees Collaborative space in a MSBA-funded building.

Executive directors suggested additions to the regulations and offered to draft the language of these additions:

- 1) Include Collaborative sign-off on the application so that a district requested MSBA funding must discuss the Collaborative's space needs with the Collaborative
- 2) Include this language: "Educational Collaborative authorized by the Commissioner"
- 3) Require that the district be a member of the Collaborative, not just receiving services from the Collaborative
- 4) Allow flexibility for the district to swap comparable space with the Collaborative if the space needs of the Collaborative programs change
- 5) Consider financing for Collaborative rehabilitation of public buildings no longer needed by the town

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

Steve Theall and Julie Cox discussed the legislation that allows charter schools to join Collaboratives. Steve Theall and Bob Gass will meet with Mark Kenan, executive director of the Massachusetts Charter School Association.

**Executive Director Report**

Steve Theall described the report to the Regional Advisory Commission and his work with Teachers<sup>21</sup>.

**Ethics Commission**

The executive directors discussed the implications for Collaboratives of the new ethics laws.

## **Strategic Plan Discussion**

The executive directors discussed the next steps for determining Collaboratives' capacity by region:

- 1) Joan Schuman will use the approved vendor list to make a list of essential functions.
- 2) Caroline Sabin will use the MOEC surveys to make a list of services already offered by Collaboratives in each MOEC region

These lists can further discussions with DESE.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Richard Murphy presented the MOEC financial statements as of June 30, 2009. He also reported that MOEC's taxes have been submitted and that the auditing fee this year will be higher because the Department of Revenue required a review instead of just a compilation.

Steve Theall asked Richard to draft a FY 11 budget for the March 8 executive board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements. The motion passed 7-0-0.

## **Approve minutes of November 2 and December 14 meetings**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements. The motion passed 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Sabin