

**MINUTES
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
June 8, 2009**

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Legislative Update: Julie Cox Nutter, McClennen & Fish

Julie Cox reported that, on Tuesday, June 2, Joan Schuman testified for HB 379 and Dorsey Yearley and John Fletcher testified for HB 422. Steve Theall reported that Dorsey Yearley and John Fletcher have written a follow-up letter on behalf of MOEC.

Julie Cox suggested that MOEC visit Speaker DeLeo because HB 422 will be pushed hard in this session, although many big items are on the agenda that may delay this bill. Steve Theall asked Julie Cox to arrange that meeting and asked Anne Booth to attend the meeting. Steve Theall reported that he will meet with Lida Harkins.

Julie Cox and several executive directors reported that budget cuts are hurting Collaboratives.

Julie Cox reported that she has not yet seen a draft of the Governor's regionalization bill. Joanne Haley Sullivan reported that the hearing is June 23. Steve Theall stated that MOEC needs to think about its position.

Bob Gass asked about the pension reform bill. Julie Cox reported that the bill will probably not come up this session because the proponents may refer the bill to the SJC.

Approve the March 16 executive board meeting minutes

The March 16 minutes were amended to say that Anne Booth and Joanne Haley Sullivan would share their customer-satisfaction surveys.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Steve Theall suggested that a group work on designing a survey in the fall.

Contract Renewal: Julie Cox

A motion was made and seconded to accept Steve Theall's recommendation

“that the contract of Julie Cox, lobbyist for MOEC, be extended from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the rate of \$2,000 per month.”

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Contract Renewal: Steve Theall

The Board convened in executive session and voted to extend the executive director's contract through June 30, 2010. The Board requested that the president and president-elect review several aspects of the contract before its execution.

Presentation and Adoption of FY 10 Budget

A motion was made and seconded to accept Richard Murphy's recommendation.

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Regional Discussion and Planning

Robin Ahigian presented the DESE SIACs and Readiness Centers. Ms. Ahigian reported that the DESE will put out an RFP to Collaboratives to hire a data person for each region. The data person will study the Level 3 schools in corrective action in each region.

Steve Theall suggested that each MOEC region think about what roles they can play in the SIACs and Readiness Centers in each region.

Lise Zeig has offered to meet with current and incoming MOEC Executive Board members.

A representative from each MOEC region reported on progress in forming a MOEC regional organization.

Joanne Haley Sullivan reported that the South region is spending two days with the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution and Public Collaboration (MODR) to figure out how the regional structure will work. Ten Collaborative executive directors and ten superintendents will attend.

West: HEC and LPVEC have both gathered data on cost savings in special education programs..

Greater Boston: The region has completed the cost-savings template and will work as a region to make Collaboratives preferred providers of special education.

Central: The region has gathered data on cost savings in special education programs.

Anne Booth reported that the North region has developed a regional website to help special education directors find a program for a service. The region also uses a listserve to search for people to fill hard-to-staff positions. The region holds four meetings a year for special education directors, with approximately 50 people attending each meeting.

Lunch and Retiree Recognition

Locations for 2009-2010 MOEC meetings

Joan Schuman offered HEC for a joint meeting with Connecticut and Rhode Island

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Sabin