

**MINUTES
MOEC Executive Board Meeting
March 16, 2009**

In attendance: Anne Booth, Jesse Dixon, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Susan Cuoco Hassan, David Heimbecker, Richard Murphy, Joan Schuman, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Steve Theall

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Director Report

Steve Theall described several meetings he has attended or will attend that concern collaboratives.

Anne Booth and Joanne Haley Sullivan agreed to share their customer-satisfaction surveys that collaboratives can ask their member districts to complete.

Stimulus Money

Jesse Dixon presented the plan for the stimulus money and requested that the Board send DESE suggestions of “shovel-ready,” capacity-building collaborative projects. The projects would have to be complete and self-sustaining at the end of two years. DESE will share these suggestions with school districts.

Approve the February 9 executive board meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9 Executive Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously: 8-0-0.

Legislative Briefing

Steve Theall reviewed several bills and one resolution that have been filed and concern educational collaboratives.

Campaign for Special Education

Steve Theall presented “An Act Relative to the Special Education Circuit Breaker,” a bill that has been filed to seek additional funding for special education. Steve asked the Board to support the bill.

A motion was made and seconded to support Steve’s recommendation.

In further discussion, Board members proposed an amendment to the bill that would give districts a higher percentage reimbursement for a collaborative program than for a private program. Steve Theall will craft the language for the amendment.

The motion as amended passed unanimously: 8-0-0.

Annual Report Draft

Caroline Sabin presented the first draft of MOEC's Annual Report and asked for comments.

Regional Data Collection

Steve Theall reminded the regional representatives of the importance of collecting savings data from each collaborative in their regions.

Nominating Committee and Timeline

Anne Booth stated that she has selected Richard Murphy and Mike Savage to serve with her on the Nominating Committee. She plans to present a slate of officers at the May Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report and FY 10 Budget

Richard Murphy will look into moving the MOEC account from Bank of America to a local bank.

Richard Murphy will take MOEC's money out of MMBT and buy a CD from a local bank.

MOEC will buy a laptop for Steve Theall, using FY 09 savings created by the special education transportation networks grant.

Richard Murphy agreed to put MOEC's FY 09 surplus in savings.

David Heimbecker and Bob Gass agreed to form a subcommittee to look at the executive director salary contract.

Legal Issues Workshop (April 13)

Annual Meeting (May 18)

The Board suggested that Steve Theall invite Karla Baehr, Jeff Nellhaus, and Commissioner Chester to speak at the Annual Meeting.

Member Comments and Questions

MOEC Regional Map: Susan Cuoco Hassan presented the latest draft of the MOEC Regional Map and asked for corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Caroline Sabin