

**APPROVED MINUTES  
MOEC Executive Board Meeting  
South Shore Educational Collaborative  
April 11, 2011**

In attendance: Beverly Beno, Catherine Cooper, Cathy Cummins, John Fletcher, Susan Cuoco Hassan, Christine Lynch, Anne Mahan, John Mara, Anne McKenzie, Susan Rees, John Schuman, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Regina Tate, Steve Theall, Dorsey Yearley

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

**Revisions to Chapter 40**

The Board and Regina Tate discussed possible revisions to Chapter 40, Section 4E. No decisions were made.

**2011-2012 Draft Slate of Officers**

The Board amended the draft slate of 2011-2012 officers by making Joan Schuman the AESA Liaison and listing that position as an officer position.

**FY12 Draft Budget**

The Board amended the FY 12 draft budget to build in some salary increase for Steve Theall. Richard Murphy will propose an increase at the May Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting Planning**

Steve Theall reported that Commissioner Mitchell Chester has verbally committed to attend the May Annual Meeting.

The Board decided to work on the strategic plan with the general membership and to discuss the draft revisions to the 1988 Board of Education Policy on Educational Collaboratives.

**Strategic Plan**

Steve Theall summarized the draft strategic plan. He also reported that some work under Goal #9 has been completed: the Legislative Committee has met to discuss the bill to allow Collaboratives to open Innovation Schools and will write a one-page position paper in support of this bill.

Joanne Haley Sullivan commented that the strategic plan describes more than one year's work. She also asked that one of the goals from an earlier draft be added to this draft: designing public service announcements in collaboration with MASS.

Susan Rees suggested that data be collected in the summer for the previous year and that all data be based on a specific moment in time.

Dorsey Yearley suggested clustering the goals because ten is too ambitious. She suggested a data gathering and analysis cluster and a policy cluster. She also suggested assigning one group to each cluster. Susan Cuoco Hassan and Steve Theall agreed to cluster the goals and assign Board members to lead discussions at the Annual Meeting.

John Fletcher suggested that a statewide book of services is not attainable. Dorsey Yearley suggested that regional books would be useful.

### **Approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Executive Board Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Executive Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

### **Regional Updates**

South: Catherine Cooper reported that Paul Hilton will head the South Collaborative Regional Organization governing committee. Catherine Cooper will remain the MOEC regional representative. Paul Hilton ran a well-received technology conference.

Greater Boston: Susan Rees reported that the Greater Boston Collaboratives are completing a template of all services outlined for the Commission on Regionalization and Collaboration. The Greater Boston Collaboratives feel strongly that they need language defining who Collaboratives are, maybe by defining who they are not, and a statement that Collaboratives need fund balances to survive.

Central: Cathy Cummins reported that the Central Collaboratives have discussed creating a handbook about regional offerings and conducting a regional needs assessment. The Collaboratives are also sharing resources: AVC is sharing an IT person with FLLAC, and CAPS and FLLAC are discussing joint planning.

West: Anne McKenzie reported that she will meet with Karin Deyo to discuss strengthening Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative. Both CES and LPVEC are pursuing the Level 4 takeover of Dean Technical. If this works out, other Collaboratives might try, because some schools near Boston are going into Level 4 takeovers next year. LPVEC is a lead partner in an Innovation School. LPVEC is working on new ways of teaching and learning through technology.

### **Other Issues**

Joanne Haley Sullivan suggested 2011-2012 cracker barrel sessions about best practices.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Sabin