



Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2018

Members

In attendance:

Mr. David Sawyer, Attleboro
Mr. Peter Marano, Bellingham
Dr. Amy Berdos, Foxborough
Dr. Sara Ahern, Franklin
Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski, King Philip
Ms. Teresa Murphy, Mansfield
Dr. Kevin McIntyre, Milford
Dr. Allardi, Chair, Norfolk
Mr. Scott Holcomb, North Attleboro
Mr. Raiche, Plainville
Mr. Stephen Dockray, Tri-County
Dr. Cameron, Wrentham

Absent:

Mr. Himmelberger, Blackstone-Millville
Dr. Lisha Cabral, Easton
Dr. Baeta, Norton
Mr. Robidoux, Swansea
Dr. Lincoln Lynch, Walpole

Present:

Dr. Grubert, Executive Director
Ms. Ciccone, Director of Finance & Operations
Mr. Joseph Meichelbeck, Treasurer
Dr. Laurie Sullivan, Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Allardi, at 12:00 p.m.

I. ACTION MATTERS

A. Approval of Board Minutes: February 8, 2018

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Dr. Zielinski, to approve the regular session minutes of February 8, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Employees Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Motion by Zielinski, seconded by Mr. Marano, to approve Employee Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absences as written. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Donations and Grants

Motion by Mr. Marano, seconded by Ms. Murphy, to accept the parent donation of \$100. \$50 staff donation and Grant of \$1,000 from Mansfield Women of Today. The motion passed unanimously.

II. INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

a. FY 18 Financial Update

Ms. Ciccone presented the FY18 financial summary which included the expanded balance sheet, Consolidated Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and the Statement of Activity of the Bi-County Collaborative Retiree Trust.

b. Opening of Providence Highway

Dr. Grubert provided the board with an update of the opening of Providence Highway, Summit Middle and High School, which opened on Tuesday January 16, 2018. The new school began with 54 students and pending referrals. Dr. Grubert discussed the creation of a mock Staples store that will be developed by a team of Bi-County staff to be utilized by several BICO programs. The students will be working in the store and will have opportunity to learn about various retail activities. Staples donated all of the fixtures (shelving, counters, shopping baskets and cart, etc.). A ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned for the spring. Future projects will include installation of 3M safety glass in the quiet rooms and at the front entrance, a basketball area, and fundraising efforts for a playground.

c. Space for Elementary Programs

The current Space subcommittee will be reactivated to discuss and investigate available options for BICO's growing elementary population, including the available lower level at 2140 Providence Highway. A general discussion followed regarding the benefits of having programs in the same locations, available buildings in member district towns, and the Public Day Application process with DESE.

d. DESE Financial Audit

Dr. Grubert presented an overview of the DESE Financial Audit which took place in December, which included the first reading of the Whistleblower Policy and the Use of Bi-County Property. Dr. Grubert also reminded all that newly appointed Board Members must complete the Initial Collaborative Training on the Board Management website within 60 days of being appointed to the Board.

e. Strategic Plan Update – Goal #2- Professional Development

Dr. Sullivan presented the Strategic Plan Update for Goal #2- Professional Development. The member district professional development committee has met four times working to anticipate and target the needs of member district and BICO staff. Social Emotional Learning has been identified as the priority area and will remain as the focus of the committee. Dr. Sullivan has two surveys ready to create outreach. Professional Learning Communities have been developed by BICO staff to best utilize student data from common assessments. Dr. Sullivan has created and shared multiple newsletters using Mail Chimp.

f. SCRO

The eight member districts who make up the Southeast Collaborative Regional Organization have organized the 2016 and 2017 Behavioral Health Symposiums. Each year approximately 500 people have attended the two day event, raising \$24,000 for the Virtual Learning Academy. A new class recently began for online design for teachers to learn how to develop online courses to teach. This year the Behavioral Health Symposium will focus on the impact of school culture beginning in the classroom. SCRO members are actively seeking speakers. A general discussion took place among the board members.

g. Other

The new collaborative agreement has been approved by DESE. Hopedale and Uxbridge will be member districts effective July 1, 2018. Hopkinton has requested membership to BICO. Dr. Grubert and Ms. Ciccone are meeting with Hopkinton tomorrow. Expansion will be an agenda item for the next board meeting.

III. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Approval of Payroll Warrants

Payroll warrants were signed by Board members.

B. Approval of Bill Warrants

Bill warrants were signed by Board members.

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Dr. McIntyre, to adjourn the open meeting 12:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.