

**MINUTES**  
**MOEC Executive Board Meeting**  
**February 9, 2009**

In attendance: Anne Booth, Jesse Dickson, Bob Gass, Beth Gonyea, Susan Cuoco Hassan, Richard Murphy, Susan Rees, Joanne Haley Sullivan, Steve Theall

The meeting began at 10:02 a.m.

**Executive Director Report and Website Update**

Steve thanked the directors who completed the Donahue Institute survey and asked those who have not yet completed them to do so.

The Special Education Transportation Network is in the process of extending a formal invitation to join the network to every district.

Thursday, February 12 is the MOEC meeting of collaborative professional development directors. Teachers 21 is presenting.

The Stakeholder Working Group is discussing how to support all districts beyond the state's priority districts.

Greenfield and Gill-Montague School Committees have said they'd like to join a collaborative. Steve is meeting with them at HEC on February 24.

Steve will have breakfast on February 11 with Jim Majors from MAPPS to discuss the circuit breaker and collaboratives as preferred providers.

The Board discussed how to use the preferred provider data.

Caroline Sabin walked the Board through the website and accepted suggestions for changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Richard Murphy sought the Board's approval for seeking a new agent to bond the treasurer.

Richard sought the Board's guidance on keeping MOEC's money in MMDT. Susan Cuoco Hassan, Richard, and Steve Theall will discuss MMDT and make a recommendation to the Board at the March meeting.

Richard asked permission to share MOEC's tax identification number with Assabet Valley.

## **Action Item: Approve minutes of December 15, 2009 Executive Board Meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes with four amendments was made and accepted. The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

## **MOEC White Paper: reactions and next steps**

The Board discussed how their boards and others responded to the white paper. Steve suggested that the white paper be distributed to all boards.

## **Southeast Collaborative Regional Network**

Susan Cuoco Hassan presented a draft map of the Massachusetts collaborative regions. When the map is final, it will be posted on the website.

Joanne Haley Sullivan and Susan Cuoco Hassan presented “A Proposal for an Alternative Model of Consolidation: The Collaboration of Services on the South Shore through the Leveraging of Educational Collaboratives” and “Southeast MOEC Regional Organization: Cost-Saving Services FY 09.” The regional representatives will gather cost-savings data from their region’s collaboratives using the template of the Cost-Saving Services report.

## **Vendor presentations at MOEC meetings**

The Board agreed that Steve Theall will decide which vendors present at MOEC meetings, with the understanding that MOEC is not endorsing any vendor.

## **Legislative Issues**

Pat Haddad is filing legislation to allow charter school membership in collaboratives.

The bill to expand our ability to join in collaborative purchasing with entities in other states has been attached by the Governor in the outside section of his FY 10 budget proposal

A bill granting hiring and firing authority for executive directors has been filed by Representative Donato.

## **Low-incidence disabilities**

Beth Gonyea reported on disappearing and growing populations in her districts. Other directors reported similar trends in their districts.

## **Energy management and other opportunities**

Steve Theall reminded the Board of two opportunities:

- 1) working on the greening of schools with Bob Patterson.
- 2) forming a leadership group for new collaborative leaders with Lyle Kirtman.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.