

East Bay Educational Collaborative & EBEC Holdings
Board of Directors Meeting
317 Market Street, Warren, RI 02885

May 16, 2014
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Melinda Thies; Superintendent	Bristol/Warren
Dr. Donna Ottaviano; Executive Director	East Bay Educational Collaborative
Jeff Schoonover; ASCD	Portsmouth
Michael Messore; Superintendent	Barrington
Rosemarie Kraeger; Superintendent	Middletown
Kim Mercer; Superintendent	East Providence
William Rearick; Superintendent	Tiverton

Board Members Absent:

Kathryn Crowley; Superintendent, Chair	Little Compton
Colleen Jermain; Superintendent	Newport

Others Present:

Karen Corr; Business Manager	EBEC
Carolyn Sedgwick; Admin Assistant	EBEC
Ronald Kahn; Director of Client Services	EBEC

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in Open Session by M. Thies at 8:35am.
- II. **Public Input:** None
- III. **Consent Agenda:** On a **motion** by W. Rearick, **seconded** by K. Mercer, the February, March, and April minutes were **unanimously approved**.
- IV. **Business Manager's Report:** K. Corr presented a nine month financial analysis with comparative statements through March 31, 2014.
 - a. K. Corr announced her intent to shred financial information from 2006 and prior in order to free up storage space.
 - b. K. Corr also discussed her plan to present the 2015 budget at the September 2014 Board Meeting.
- V. **ASCD Update:** J. Schoonover reported that there will be an ASCD meeting at 2pm (May 16, 2014) at which members will discuss the formation of cohorts to accommodate the experience levels of participating districts. J.Schoonover will update the Board at the next meeting.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:**
 - a. D. Ottaviano announced the following upcoming events and invited all to attend (RSVP to C. Sedgwick; EBEC):
 1. Transition Academy Luncheon on June 11, 2014
 2. Career Academy Awards Dinner on June 4, 2014
 3. Final Special Education Directors Meeting on June 6, 2014.
 - b. D. Ottaviano had provided the Strategic Plan in advance with updates for each goal. W. Rearick found it very informative.

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- c. D. Ottaviano provided cost information on Chrome Books and will continue to compile notes as districts gather information on them.
- d. D. Ottaviano reported on the following grants, some of which she has been working on with L. Andoscia of Rosewood Consulting:
 - 1. Governor's Workforce Grant for Innovative Partnerships with CCRI.
 - 2. Steam Engine Grant with the RI Commerce Corp.
 - 3. Champlin Grant for Environmental Science Partnership with Roger Williams Zoo.
 - 4. Also, RILINK has received a 50k Grant from the Office of Library and Information Services to upgrade their servers.
- e. D. Ottaviano and R. Kahn attended the RI School Committee Association annual meeting on May 10, 2014 at which K. Baird presented on the Common Core and related opportunities, including a discounted rate (\$3800) for districts that sign up for summer cohort taking place at EBEC.
- f. EBEC has entered a new partnership with MyON. Their Readers are available to districts at a summer cost of \$5 per student.
- g. On June 4, 2014, EBEC is hosting a Chemistry Workshop.
- h. North American Power was not able to present, but R. Kahn discussed their potential partnership and the possibility of hosting informational lunches.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Solution Tree was discussed within the ASCD Update.
- b. D. Ottaviano requested updated lists from districts participating in Textbook Loan for nonpublic students.
- c. M. Thies announced she is retiring on Jun 30, 2014 to attend Law School at RWU. M. Andrade will be taking her place.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting: The next EBEC Board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2014.

IX. Adjourn: On a **motion** by W. Rearick, **seconded** by J. Schoonover, the meeting was **adjourned** at 9:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Sedgwick
Secretary, Pro Tem