

Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held April 27, 2021

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a virtual meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened on Zoom at 3:00 PM, April 27, 2021. Board members attending were Amy Carlisle and Donna Pelletier. Peter Mills, Kim Whitman and Ed LeBlanc were excused.

Attending from MEVA were Melinda Browne, Donald Fournier, Jillian Dearborn, Chelsea Osgood, Christina O'Grady, Nicole Hart, Jennifer Clark, Lizzie Malvicini, Mehry Mohammadi, Meghan Reitchel, and Stephanie Emery,

Attending from Stride were Jordan Goldman, Beth Perry, Mary Markert, and Todd McIntire.

Attending from Eaton Peabody was Bill Ferdinand.

Legislative Update. Bill Ferdinand reported that the legislature passed budget and has gone into special session, carrying all bills that had not been worked on. LD 156 and 1082, immunizations in charter schools are up for public hearing next week. The outcomes could impact 26 MEVA students. Melinda will put together a testimony for the hearing. There is a bill on protecting students' privacy with audio recordings. MEVA will write its own policy regarding this topic.

Finance. Jordan Goldman from Stride shared MEVA's third quarter financials. Jordan introduced Beth Perry, who will be taking over his duties.

Head of School Report. Melinda talked about the summer program and how it will consist of 8 teachers and 2 Special Ed teachers, who will be paid a stipend. In addition, some teachers may be developing their course curriculum and be compensated hourly.

Melinda presented proposals for the following items; however, governing board approval will still be needed when there is a quorum:

- Savvas and Accelerate courses;
- Laptops for students through Notebooks For Students (NFS);
- Website design through SchoolPointe.

The Maine Charter Commission is contacting with Infinite Campus (Student Information System) so that we can hopefully get the setup started soon.

Enrollment is coming along, we have 284 students re-registered, 45 new students and 23 working on applications.

MEVA has hired an IT Coordinator who will starting mid-May of this year.

Melinda spoke about the FY 22 ESSEA Application. Donna liked that we were hiring more staff to help students. Public input to the FY22 ESEA Application was requested per the MDOE's compliance framework.

Executive Session. Donna requested to enter Executive Session at 4:55 PM under 1 MRSA §405, sub-§6, ¶A & ¶E to discuss employee compensation.

At 5:15 PM, it was unanimously decided to come out of executive session and to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Dearborn & Melinda Browne

Secretary Pro Tem