

Maine Learning Innovations

Minutes for a Meeting of the Board of Directors held June 15, 2021

Pursuant to email and public website notices, a virtual meeting of the Board of Maine Learning Innovations was convened on Zoom at 2:00 PM, June 15, 2021. Board members attending were Amy Carlisle, Donna Pelletier, Peter Mills, Kim Whitman and Ed LeBlanc.

Attending from MEVA were Melinda Browne, Jennifer Hight, Donald Fournier, Jillian Dearborn, Lena Vitagliano, Christina O'Grady, Mehry Mohammadi, Stephanie Emery, Joel Randazza, Nic Taylor, Cheryl Brigham, Kelli Boucher, and Nicole Hart. Attorney Dan Stockford joined the meeting at 2:40PM.

Attending from Stride were Mary Markert, Todd McIntire, Beth Perry, and Meghan Reitchel.

Minutes. Upon motion by Peter, seconded by Donna, minutes for the meeting of May 18, 2021, were approved subject to two corrections: "Stride" in lieu of "Strive" in the paragraph on Website and "Melinda" in lieu of "Melania" in the third from the last paragraph.

Finance.

Jennifer and Melinda have devoted a great deal of attention to administering and accounting for federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER Funds). Grants allocated to MeVA may be summarized as follows:

Grant	Allocation	Encumber Funds Date
CRF-1	\$262,310.97	6/30/21
CRF-2	\$279,051.44	6/30/21
ESSER I	\$ 92,305.86	9/30/23
ESSER II	\$381,671.94	9/30/23
ESSER III	\$857,180.96	9/30/24

Grant rules prohibit us from charging anything to these accounts that has been previously budgeted. As we spend these funds, we incur 15% in admin fees to Stride for FY 2021 and 11% for FY 2022. Esser I money will be spent entirely on summer school. Much of the CRF funds will be spent to purchase computers to replace those from Stride. ESSER II funds may save us from going into the red next year. There was agreement to hold ESSER funds in reserve until we need them.

Plans to transition to Quickbooks are coming along. We have ordered three computers for Melinda, Jillian and Jennifer to put to use when we switch to Quickbooks on July 1. The FY 22 budget will be looked at in July. Melinda pointed out that payments to Stride of \$1.7 million this year are projected to be reduced to \$600 thousand for FY 22.

Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Peter, the current financial report was unanimously approved.

Administration.

Melinda said we have ordered 500 laptops to come in by the end of June. We will retrieve the Stride laptops in July all at once.

We are shifting email to MaineVirtualacademy.org which should save \$80K in annual expense. The Charter Commission is providing us with Infinite Campus.

Accelerate and Savvas are courses we may purchase at a half million reduction in cost. They come with digital books. Savvas may eliminate the need for iXL. Classes will be recorded for makeup.

Executive Session At 2:50 PM, it was unanimously voted to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E) to discuss with Attorney Dan Stockford MEVA's legal rights and duties relating to a data breach sustained by Stride.

At 3:27 PM the Executive Session was terminated. Upon motion by Donna, seconded by Peter, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Mills, Secretary