



**Board of Directors Emergency Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023**

Present:	Beverly:	Dr. Charochak
	Gloucester:	Mr. Lummis
	Hamilton Wenham:	Mr. Tracy
	Ipswich:	Dr. Blake
	Lynnfield:	Mr. Geary
	Manchester-Essex:	Ms. Beaudoin
	Marblehead:	Dr. McGuinness
	Masconomet:	Dr. Harvey
	Nahant:	Dr. Pierantozzi
	North Reading:	Dr. Daly
	Peabody:	Dr. Vadala
	Pentucket:	Dr. Bartholomew
	Reading:	Dr. Milaschewski
	Rockport:	Dr. Branco
	Salem:	Dr. Zrike
	Swampscott:	Ms. Angelakis
	Tri-Town:	Dr. Morrison
	Triton:	Mr. Forget
NEC:	F. Rosenberg	L. Fleming
	K. Mahoney	K. Mahoney
	M. Bourgault	Facilities Dir.
	J. Zeigler	AFT local President 4293
	D. Petronzio	AFT local Vice President 4293
Absent:	Danvers:	Mr. Bauer
	Lynn:	Dr. Alvarez

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome to New Members and Introductions:** Ms. Angelakis called the emergency meeting to order at 8:03 am and read the following statement: This Open Meeting of the NEC Board of Directors is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Healey's extension of the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025.
- II. **Approval of Minutes and Attendance**

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tracy and seconded Dr. Morrison to approve the December 6, 2023 BOD Minutes. Roll call was done 17 voted present and to approve minutes.

VOTE: The motion was approved

III. HVAC Project: Larry Fleming, Fran Rosenberg

Ms. Angelakis asked that the minutes reflect her statement of appreciation for Ms. Rosenberg and Mr. Fleming for their communication and for the tremendous amount of work they put in to gathering all of the information needed for the board to meet this morning. She stated that throughout this whole process, Ms. Rosenberg and her team have communicated, been flexible, listened to feedback, met with the board to explain everything in detail. She stated that the board thanks Ms. Rosenberg and her team for all of their hard work.

Before the motion was made Ms. Angelakis, stated that there had already been a lot of discussion and opportunities to ask clarifying questions, and she asked if members had any additional questions as the motion will require 14 yes votes in order to pass (super majority).

There were no questions or comments. Ms. Angelakis asked for a motion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Bartholomew and seconded Mr. Pierantozzi to authorize Ms. Rosenberg and Mr. Fleming to sign an agreement with M&T Bank based on term sheet provided, understanding that this will be funded through budget efficiencies, a one-time assessment/tuition adjustment totaling 2 million dollars, and future tuition increases.

Ms. Angelakis and Ms. Rosenberg, again, asked if there were questions or discussion.

Mr. Pierantozzi stated that the minutes should reflect that an opportunity to discuss was given and no questions or discussion were had.

Roll call was done with 16 voting in favor and 1 voting against (Salem).

VOTE: The motion was approved with the necessary 2/3 majority.

Once the motion was approved Ms. Rosenberg thanked the board for the time and attention that they have given to this important matter. She stated that approving this project will make our collaborative stronger for the future and enable us to continue us to provide the services needed for this region.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Pierantozzi and seconded Dr. Branco to authorize Ms. Rosenberg and Mr. Fleming to finalize a contract with Amanti Brothers. Roll call was done. 17 voted in favor. 0 against.

VOTE: The motion was approved

For the third action item, Mr. Pierantozzi asked if we should change the wording to clarify that we would be adjusting both revenue and expense. Mr. Forget noted that the language already states that and Mr. Pierantozzi agreed.

Ms. Beaudoin joined the meeting at 8:11 am

MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Bartholomew and seconded Mr. Tracy to revise the FY24 Budget to address the increased capital expense by adding a per pupil tuition adjustment in spring of FY24 or July FY25, depending on districts preference. This tuition adjustment will increase revenue up to \$2million in FY24 and/or FY25. Details and official budget adjustments to be presented in January. Roll call was done 18 voted in favor. 0 voted against.

VOTE: The motion was approved

Ms. Rosenberg again thanked the board for their support, noting that this was a very serious decision. She expressed her appreciation to everyone for making time to attend this meeting

Adjourn

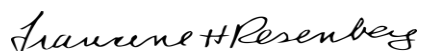
MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Morrison and seconded by Dr. Bartholomew to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 am as presented. Roll call was done 18 voted to adjourn

VOTE: The motion was approved

NOTE: At approximately 8:19, right after the roll call to adjourn and after the recording had been stopped; Ms. Rosenberg noted that a cell phone had entered the waiting room. She later learned that it was Dr. Alvarez trying to enter the meeting. Dr. Alvarez stated that she had tried to enter the meeting prior to 8:19, but neither Ms. Rosenberg nor co-host Kathy Mahoney had noted any activity in the waiting room after 8:11 when they admitted Ms. Beaudoin.



Kathy Mahoney, Administrative Assistant to Executive Director



Francine Rosenberg, NEC Executive Director