NORTHSHORE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026

Present:	Danvers:	Mr. Bauer
	Gloucester:	Mr. Lummis
	Hamilton Wenham:	Mr. Tracy
	Ipswich:	Dr. Blake
	Lynn:	Ms. Cohen
	Masconomet:	Dr. Harvey
	North Reading:	Dr. Daly
	Peabody:	Dr. Vadala
	Pentucket:	Dr. Bartholomew
	Reading:	Dr. Milaschewski
	Swampscott:	Mr. Calichman
	Tri- Town:	Dr. Morrison
	Triton:	Mr. Forget
NEC:	F. Rosenberg	L. Fleming
	N.Celli	KF. Mahoney
	B. Carrapichano	E. Aldrich, Tech Director
	M. Krol	Kevin O'Grady School, Principal
Guest:		
	A. Pasquarello	Gloucester (incoming superintendent)
Absent:	Beverly:	Dr. Cushing
	Lynn:	Ms. Cohen
	Lynnfield:	Mr. Geary
	Manchester Essex:	Ms. Beaudoin
	Marblehead:	Mr. Robidoux
	Nahant:	Mr. Liebow
	Rockport:	Dr. Branco
	Salem:	Ms. Carbone

1. **Call to Order:** Dr. Harvey called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tracy and seconded by Dr. Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, which included April 1,2026 & April 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, May 2026 appointments, and warrants.
VOTE: The motion was moved unanimously

3. **Executive Director Report:** Ms. Rosenberg welcomed Board members and announced that four new Board members representing Gloucester, MASCO, Salem, and Reading will begin their terms in July.

   In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, Ms. Rosenberg shared an essay from an RHS student that highlighted the positive impact of staff and programs. She noted several student-centered activities taking place across programs, including Kindness Month at NSAL and upcoming talent shows, emphasizing student growth and resilience.

   Ms. Rosenberg reported continued community support through grants, partnerships, and fundraising efforts. She highlighted adapted chamber music performances at KOG, strong enrollment at RHS, and ongoing excitement surrounding the school's future relocation and rebranding efforts.

   She provided updates on summer policy and procedure revisions, the search for a new NSAU principal, and planned administrative restructuring to better support increasing student needs. An assistant principal position will be added in a budget-neutral manner. Ms. Rosenberg also noted that approximately 40 students are expected to graduate this spring and encouraged Board members to attend graduation ceremonies.

   Discussion followed regarding enrollment capacity at NSAL, staffing challenges, and balancing program growth with budgetary considerations. Ms. Rosenberg noted that future expansion opportunities remain dependent upon the availability of qualified staff.

   Ms. Rosenberg also reviewed recent healthcare insurance changes, a new YMCA partnership benefiting staff and students, ongoing fundraising initiatives supporting adaptive equipment and student programming, and efforts to secure philanthropic support for RHS through the Tower Foundation.

   Additional updates included DESE grant funding for Collaborative Problem Solving training and a developing partnership with Shore Educational Collaborative and Bay Path University to support paraprofessionals pursuing bachelor's degrees.

   Ms. Rosenberg concluded with remarks on ongoing strategic planning efforts and the importance of adapting collaborative programs to meet future student needs.

   The full Executive Director's Report is available in the May Board Meeting Folder.

4. **Finance Report:** Mr. Mahoney reviewed the March and April Treasurer's Reports.
   For March, he reported that the Consortium collected approximately $5.4 million in tuition revenue and $672,000 in regional assessment revenue. Due to the timing of three payrolls during the month, the Consortium utilized its line of credit conservatively to manage cash flow.
   For April, Mr. Mahoney reported that the month ended with approximately $2.3 million in cash. Tuition collections were at 98% for the fiscal year, and overall revenue collections were at 96%, reflecting a strong financial position. He also noted that the Consortium paid off its $200,000 line of credit balance, leaving no outstanding debt on the line of credit.

   There were no questions from Board members regarding the March and April Treasurer's Reports.

   MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Morrison and seconded by Dr. Vadala to approve the March and April Treasurer's Reports Treasurers Report.
   VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

   Finance Update and Year-End Projection: Mr. Fleming provided an update on the year-end financial projection, noting that enrollment growth at KOG and NSAL has positively impacted revenue and cash flow. He reported that the Consortium's cash position continues to improve, the line of credit has been fully paid off, and cash reserves are projected to exceed budgeted targets. He also noted that pre-billing transportation invoices and prompt payments from member districts have alleviated cash flow concerns.

Ms. Rosenberg expressed appreciation for staff efforts in addressing enrollment challenges and supporting the organization's financial stability. She noted that the Consortium is in a stronger position both financially and strategically and remains focused on ensuring long-term organizational sustainability.

Discussion included long-term obligations, including OPEB funding, mortgage repayment, and the importance of maintaining adequate cash reserves. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Mahoney reviewed how collaboratives are funded and emphasized the importance of ongoing financial oversight and collaboration.

The Board also discussed governance and financial reporting requirements, including the importance of regularly documenting budget discussions in Board minutes and providing financial information to member districts as part of ongoing accountability and oversight.

Following the update , Mr. Fleming invited questions from the Board.

Dr. Vadala requested that a quarterly financial summary memo be provided to Board members going forward.

Dr. Morrison suggested including collaborative updates as part of the quarterly reporting.

There were no further questions from the Board.

5. **Plans For KOG Expansion:** Ms. Krol, Principal of KOG, provided an update on enrollment trends and plans to expand programming to meet increasing referrals of students with complex needs, including visual impairments, medical needs, and autism spectrum disorders.

   She reported that, following the anticipated relocation of RHS, classroom space will become available to open an additional classroom for younger students with intensive needs. The new classroom is expected to serve approximately four additional students, with several referrals currently under consideration.

   Ms. Krol noted that expansion requires specialized staffing and related service support, which continues to present recruitment challenges. Ms. Rosenberg stated that the addition of one classroom can likely be supported within existing related service staffing levels.

   In response to a question from Dr. Vadala, Ms. Krol confirmed that the classroom expansion is contingent upon space becoming available through the RHS relocation.

   An update will be provided to the Board in the fall.

6. **Policy Committee -** Ms. Rosenberg provided an update on the discipline policy review. She reported that revisions to the restraint and seclusion policy are required and will be brought forward for Board approval. A draft revised policy will be provided for review, with updated procedures scheduled for presentation at the September Board meeting.

   Ms. Rosenberg also noted that she will consult with legal counsel, Colby Brunt, regarding the policy review process and may schedule a brief virtual Board meeting during the summer if needed.

7. **Litix Proposal on Administrative Contract Data :** Ms. Celli provided an update on the Litix proposal regarding administrative contract data. The Board discussed the proposal and noted limited interest due to the cost and the fact that much of the information is already available through existing sources.

   Board members agreed to share relevant data as needed.

8. **Other Business and Updates:** Ms. Rosenberg provided updates regarding Recovery High School, including the RFR process and lease at Cummings Center,, the school's rebranding as Northshore Phoenix High School, and ongoing efforts to secure philanthropic support.

   Ms. Rosenberg thanked departing Board members for their service and expressed appreciation for Board members who have stepped into leadership roles and supported the organization throughout the year.

   For FY27 Board leadership, Ms. Beaudoin will serve as Chair of the Facilities and Capital Committee and will oversee the Executive Director's evaluation process. The Personnel Committee will be dissolved. Mr. Forget will continue to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee.

   Mr. Bauer has agreed to be Board Chair for FY27, with Dr. Bartholomew and Dr. Vadala agreeing to assume the chairmanship in subsequent years.

   The Board also recognized Mr. Lummis, Dr. Milaschewski, and Dr. Harvey for their service to the Consortium. Dr. Harvey was recognized for his leadership as Board Chair. Each was presented with a gift in appreciation of their contributions and dedication.

   MOTION: The motion was made by Dr. Blake and seconded by Dr. Daly to appoint Mr. Bauer as Chair of the NEC Board of Directors for FY27.
   VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

9. **New Business:** Dr. Vadala inquired about the process for non-member districts to participate in the Consortium's transportation program.

   Mr. Fleming reported that Nick's Transportation is prepared to expand services to include non-member districts. Ms. Rosenberg noted that districts interested in participating would be required to enter into a written agreement with the Consortium and encouraged interested districts to contact Mr. Fleming for additional information.

   Mr. Fleming stated that further information regarding participation and contract requirements will be distributed to Board members in the coming days.

10. **Adjourn:**
    MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Lummis and seconded by Dr. Morrison to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am
    VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Mahoney

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Kathy Mahoney, Administrative Assistant to Executive Director

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Francine Rosenberg, NEC Executive Director