

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 13, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Veitch, Erik Andersen, Donna McKenna, Brian Monroe, Stephanie Pickup, Kyle Bueno

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Superintendent Mark Balestracci via Zoom, School Business Manager Nicole Potter, Sheri Souza

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Veitch at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call of Committee Members: Mr. Andersen, Ms. Pickup, Mr. Bueno, Mr. Monroe, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve regular session minutes from August 23, 2023 made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved, unanimously (6-0).

Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent:

Receive Update Regarding Opening of School:

Mr. Balestracci reported that Opening Day was successful. Mrs. Kohler opened the day with a great opening ceremony, where Mr. Veitch also gave some welcoming remarks and well wishes for the school year. The staff came back energized and excited as well. There is a very positive excited vibe in the buildings which will help us have a successful school year. Katie Novak spoke on day two with Learning & Teaching being very well received. The new EHMS team is off to a good start. Starting the year very well staffed.

Received SMEC Budget & Tuition Fee Schedule:

Mr. Balestracci stated we have received the proposed SMEC budget and tuition fee schedule for review (Attachment A). Mr. Monroe asked about the District's contribution, Mrs. Potter noted that their increase is in our budget proposal.

Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Roof Update:

Mrs. Potter stated the roof at Elizabeth Hastings Middle School is 98 % complete. The remaining work is installing flashing around edges, etc. Mr. Monroe asked if repairs were done inside the building at all regarding the ceiling. Mrs. Potter stated that some of the decking and or insulation was replaced as needed.

Upcoming Events:

The next School Committee meeting will be held September 27, 2023.

New Business:

Motion made to accept a donation of \$2,500 from the GridIron Club to the Fairhaven High School football team for new uniforms made by Mr. Monroe,, seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved (6-0).

Motion made to accept a donation of t-shirts from Dana Lewis to the Fairhaven High School football team made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Andersen, approved (6-0). Mr. Monroe asked if this donation was just for the Football Team. Mrs. Potter confirmed stating they are warm up shirts. Mr. Andersen also noted it has the football logo on them. Mrs. Pickup also asked if there were any businesses or sponsors on them. Mrs. Potter confirmed there is not.

Motion made to approve the 23-24 activities and clubs (Attachment B) made by Mr. Monroe , seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved (6-0). Mr. Monroe noted his concern about the District's ability to hire advisors at all levels.. Mrs. Potter stated there will be an update on advisors at the next meeting, but noted we had a good amount of applicants this year for the positions. Discussion ensued regarding how to fill the positions. .

Motion made to accept a donation of \$500 from Gallery X, New Bedford to the Fairhaven High School Art Department made by Mr. Monroe , seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved (6-0).

Questions from Individual Committee Members:

Mrs. Pickup asked about the Excel program at Bridgewater State University which is an inclusive program for kids that are in special education to have a college experience. She noted that she thought it may be a good program for children in our District. Mr. Balestracci stated he is aware of the program, the District is not enrolled at this time, but Mrs. Tanya Dawson, Director of Student Services has been looking into opportunities for us to engage at the post-secondary level. He will get more information from Mrs. Dawson and revisit the topic at the next meeting.

Mr. Monroe stated he believes we have an equity issue within our athletic programs. He would like to see the money distributed throughout all athletics instead of the same programs, such as football, receiving all the donations. Mrs. Pickup also mentioned some Districts have programs privately funded by citizens and businesses. Discussion ensued about a possible booster club. Mrs. Potter stated that the District, from a municipal / finance standpoint, cannot govern a PTO or booster's finances. The idea can be explored and discussed with Mrs. Kohler. Mr. Balestracci noted equity among athletic programming through the District is equitable. There are items that can be looked at subcommittee wise to get more involvement and participation to support other groups through Gridiron and boosters, etc. He also stated they can add 'donors choose' to our policy subcommittee meeting that will be starting at the end of the month.

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Any Business Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours Prior to the Posting of this Meeting:

Mr. Bueno informed the committee of his resignation. He gave a heartfelt thanks to everyone. The committee addressed and thanked Mr. Bueno for his time and effort to the Committee as well as the Fairhaven School District for the past four years.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved, unanimously (6-0).

Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Attachments:

- A. SMEC Budget & Tuition Fee Schedule
- B. Student Activities and Clubs

Tara M. Kohler
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools

Approved September 27, 2023



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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are the duly elected Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative, a MGL Chapter 40, Section 4E public educational agency, and, as such, have custody of the Minutes and recordings of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative.

We further certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative, duly called and held on June 20, 2023, after proper notice was give to the public and to each voting member of the Board, said meeting being attended by eight (8) of the nine (9) current voting members of the Board constituting a legal quorum, the following was adopted by vote of the members present, all voting in the affirmative:

VOTED: To approve the proposed FY24 Proposed Spending Plan as submitted on Agenda Attachment 4.

WITNESS, my hand and seal, this twenty-first day of June, 2023.


CATHERINE S. COOPER

Secretary,
Southeastern MA Educational
Collaborative Board of Directors


JOHN NUNES

Treasurer,
Southeastern MA Educational
Collaborative Board of Directors

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SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE

Approved Spending Plan - Fiscal Year 2024

**FY24
BUDGET
June 20, 2023**

ADULT DAY HEALTH PROGRAM

Administrative & Direct Care Staff, Therapeutic, and Support Salaries	\$843,900
Collaborative-Wide Personnel	\$46,930
Payroll & Benefits	\$110,000
Transportation - Salaries, Maintenance, Operations	\$93,000
Facilities, Rent, Supplies, Fixed Costs	\$427,500
COVID19-Related Expenses	\$0
SUBTOTAL Adult Day Health	\$1,521,330

SAIL - DDS & MCB

Administrative & Direct Care Staff, Therapeutic, and Support Salaries	\$1,964,000
Collaborative-Wide Personnel	\$115,520
Payroll & Benefits	\$165,000
Transportation - Salaries, Maintenance, Operations	\$93,000
Facilities, Rent, Supplies, Fixed Costs	\$197,000
COVID19-Related Expenses	\$0
SUBTOTAL SAIL	\$2,534,520

LEA - SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Instructional Staff, Therapeutic, and Support Salaries	\$4,093,000
Collaborative-Wide Personnel	\$198,550
Payroll & Benefits (including Professional Development)	\$719,500
Transportation - Salaries, Maintenance, Operations	\$269,000
Facilities, Rent, Supplies, Fixed Costs	\$639,750
Summer/ESY Program Expenses	\$160,500
COVID19-Related Expenses	\$0
267 Samuel Barnett Debt & One-Time Expense	\$86,700
First Mortgage Payment	\$66,200
Downpayment-Credit Line repayment	\$15,500
Renovations	\$5,000
SUBTOTAL LEA/School Programs	\$6,167,000

ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative & Financial Personnel	\$306,605
Business Office Support Personnel & Services	\$125,000
Collaborative-Wide Personnel	\$361,000
Payroll, Benefits, Insurance	\$162,000
Legal & Accounting Services	\$51,500
Facilities, Rent, Supplies, Fixed Costs	\$189,400
Current Retirees (OPEB) Benefits	\$40,000
COVID19-Related Expenses	\$0
SUBTOTAL Administrative	\$874,505

ONE-TIME EXPENSES

Allocation for expansion expenses	\$100,000
4238 Program Startup/Staffing	\$100,000

FY24 TOTAL PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN

\$11,297,355

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative
2023-2024 Approved Member Tuition Rates and Service Fees
School Year Programs and Services

<u>Program/Service</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Primary Language Program Located at Rochester Memorial School (Grades PK-6)	\$ 54,720*
Multidisciplinary Learning Center Located at Old Hammondtown School, Mattapoissett (Grades PK-8)	\$ 54,720*
Integrated Services Program I Located at Hastings Middle School, Fairhaven (Grades 6-9)	\$ 54,720*
Integrated Services Program II Located at Old Rochester Regional HS, Mattapoissett (Grades 9-12)	\$ 54,720*
Alternative Learning Class I Located at Ford Middle School, Acushnet (Grades 5-8)	\$ 54,720*
Alternative Learning Class II Located at Dartmouth High School (Grades 9-12)	\$ 54,720*
Therapeutic Learning Center Located at <u>TBD</u> (Grades K-6)	\$ 54,720*
TLP Program Located at Quinn Elementary School, Dartmouth (Grades K-4)	\$ 54,720*

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SOUTHEASTERN MA EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE
EXTENDED YEAR SERVICES
SUMMER 2023 RATES
July 10-August 10, 2023/ Monday-Thursday

<u>Primary Language Program @ Rochester Memorial:</u> Grades PK-6, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Therapeutic Learning Center, New Bedford:</u> Grades K-5, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Therapeutic Learning Program, Quinn School Dartmouth:</u> Grades K-5, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Integrated Services Programs @ ORR and Hastings:</u> Grades 5-8 and 9-12, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Alternative Learning Programs I and II (@ Ford MS:</u> Grades 5-8 and 9-12, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Multidisciplinary Learning Center, Mattapoisett:</u> Grades PK-8, 8:00-12:00	\$4,100*
<u>Transition Services @ Tripp School Location Fairhaven:</u> Grades 12+	\$6,080 Full Day \$3,260 Half Day

** TSP Transportation: \$35/day
Other routes priced individually.

****1:1 staffing services and transportation not included in tuition rates.***

Contractual Summer Speech, OT and PT services: \$85/hour member; \$95/hour non-member

Non-Member Districts add 15% to all tuitions and fees not otherwise specified.

Approved by the SMEC Board of Directors and Certified by the SMEC Treasurer: May 30, 2023

**FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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PLEASE POST

DATE: August 29, 2023

PLEASE POST

**Memo to: All Schools
FEA President**

The following promotional positions are being posted for their annual appointment.
Letters of application are invited for the following positions:

Advisors-Hastings Middle School

National Junior Honor Society – EHMS
Student Government/Community Service – EHMS
Yearbook – EHMS
Jazz Band – EHMS

Advisors-Fairhaven High School

Senior Class – Class of 2024 (2 positions)
Junior Class – Class of 2025 (2 positions)
Sophomore Class – Class of 2026 (2 positions)
Freshman Class – Class of 2027 (2 positions)
Honor Society
Student Government/Student Council
Yearbook Huttlestonian

Music/Drama Advisors

Band Master
Band Master-Assistant
Elementary Band
Jazz Band-FHS
Music Festivals
Fall Production
Fall Assistant
Spring Production
Spring Assistant
Spring Assistant

Co-Curricular Stipends

Art Club-FHS
Environmental Club-FHS
Media Production Club-FHS
Math Team-FHS
Science Club-FHS

Student Interest Clubs*

Elementary
Middle School
High School

*Must use application provided by building principal

Saturday Suspension – High School

Saturday Suspension

All positions are subject to appropriation and participation levels

To Begin: 2023-2024 School Year

Application Deadline: September 12, 2023

Salary: In accordance with appropriate stipend.

Address letters of application to: Sheri Souza at ssouza@fairhavenps.net

The School Committee reserves the right to alter qualifications if deemed to be in the best interest of the Fairhaven Public Schools.