

Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2019

In attendance:

LABBB Board of Directors:

Dr. Eric Conti, Burlington Public Schools
Dr. Kathy Bodie, Arlington Public Schools
Mr. Jonathan Sills, Bedford Public Schools
Mr. John Phelan, Belmont Public Schools

LABBB Central Office:

Patric Barbieri, Executive Director
Joseph Adams, Accounting Manager
Dianne Busa, Admin Assistant

Dr. Eric Conti called the Board Meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Public Participation: No public Participation

Dr. Eric Conti began the meeting by expressing appreciation to Mr. Jonathan Sills and Dr. Kathy Bodie for attending the DESE Meeting

Action Items:

- 1.) *Dr. Kathy Bodie made a motion to approve the **meeting minutes of June 6, 2019**, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Sills. All in favor, 4-0.*
- 2.) *Dr. Kathy Bodie made a motion to **Approve Donna Leigh as LABBB Treasurer**, seconded by Mr. Jonathan Sills. All in favor, 4-0.*

Discussion Items:

1. LABBB Updates

- LABBB Reunion: Over 200 LABBB Alumni attended our annual September Reunion Dance at the Burlington Marriott. Graduates as far back as 1987 attended!

2. LABBB upcoming workshops for Parents

- Guardianship (LABBB Open House in October) Karen Mariscal, attorney, and former LABBB parent, will speak about the essentials of guardianship and if something you should consider for your son or daughter.
- LABBB Transition Conference: This annual event will be held in April, 2020. This is an essential workshop for preparing parent for post 22. Please share with anyone in your district (SEPAC) that wants to attend.
- LABBB Graduate Brian Guay has been interviewed on two news stations talking about the ABLE-Now Account for helping parents and guardians manage SSI. This account is something parents need to know about if their student is receiving SSI or SSDI.

3. LABBB and member districts Wellness initiatives

- LABBB – Anxiety, Mind & Body part of LABBB curriculum and core values. New partnership with Phillips Academy who provides free mindfulness retreats on the weekends.
- Dr. Kathy Bodie spoke about Mindful Schools in the Arlington school district
- Dr. Eric Conti spoke about doing a Daily Gratitude a book “Happiness Advantage” by Shawn Achor that his administrative team is ready.

4. Medicaid Discussion

- This has caused a significant amount of confusion since the reporting procedures have changed. Patric Barbieri to consult with the LABBB Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

5. Minuteman (Career Directions)

- Medford vocational school was promising but did not work out in the end.
- LABBB has been in touch with Shawsheen Tech.
- Eric Conti provide space for the students in the career direction program at Burlington High School.
- Board of Directors brought up the possibly of career directions students attending classes in their districts that are compatible with their vocational interests that were offered at Minutemen.

6. LABBB-DESE Financial discussion (August 5 meeting with DESE)

- Distribution and use of FY18 Member Credits is completed.
- Moving forward we will have to monitor the 25% surplus more closely.
- OPEB contributions need to be done before June 30, 2019.
- We will have an update at our next board meeting of our financial status and use of member credits.

7. LABBB Treasurer:

- LABBB posted for our opening as the LABBB treasurer. Patric Barbieri is recommending that Donna Leigh be appointed as Treasurer.

8. Post-22 Program

- LABBB officially been approved to operate a post 22 program under DDS. LABBB is in the process of meeting with DDS representatives to set up this program to begin in 2020. There are many details about the budget the we are learning about and will update the board before we launch our first program.

Adjournment:

Mr. Jonathan Sills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM, seconded by Dr. Kathy Bodie. All in favor, 4-0

