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CAPS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 6/12/2024 Zoom Meeting

Call to order: At 3:35pm Chairperson Peter Stephens called the meeting to order.

Members present: Pete Stephens, Elizabeth Zielinkski, Colleen Mucha, Christopher Casavant, Matthew

Ehrenworth

Members absent: Jessica Reske, Melissa Bible, Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Mark Pellegrino

Also present: Sheri D'Annolfo, Richard Sarasin, Jenni Guthrie

- 1. **Approval of the minutes.** A motion was made by Elizabeth Zielinkski, seconded by Christopher Casavant to approve the minutes of 5/8/24 and 5/30/24, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Fiscal Update
 - 2024 Fiscal Update
 - 2024 Annual Audit Schedule: Roselli, Clark & Associates, week of August 26
- 3. Staffing (voting item)
 - New Hires: **Samantha Davis**, Kelly Day Para
 - Resignations: Michael Prophet, Senators Para; Anna Gauthier, TOD; Summer Kai, ASL Interpreter, Lindsey Christoffersen, OT/PT Coordinator; Cheryl Keeter, ASL Interpreter, Amy Thomas, DHHP Para; David Cardoza, Counselor Gateway

Motion to accept New Hires made by Matthew Ehrenworth and seconded by Elizabeth Zielinkski.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ash./West. Not Present Yes Mahar Not Present Athol/Royalston Orange Yes Fitchburg Yes Quabbin Yes Gardner Not Present Petersham Yes Leominster Not Present Winchendon Not Present Narragansett Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- o Policy Subcommittee May 2, 2024; Policy Handbook & Director Candidate Review
- o Finance Subcommittee –no formal meeting

- Warrant Subcommittee on going every other week
- Facilities Subcommittee no formal meeting

5. Employee Handbook Revision 05/02/2024 (voting item)

Motion to accept Employee Handbook Revision made by Jennifer Storm and seconded by Elizabeth Zielinkski.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ash./West. Not Present Mahar Yes

Athol/Royalston Yes Orange Not Present

Fitchburg Yes Quabbin Yes Gardner Not Present Petersham Yes

Leominster Not Present Winchendon Not Present

Narragansett Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report:

- Current enrollment at 177 (after graduates)
- Currently looking for ASL interpreter positions, BCBA, School Psychologist, TOD for preschool and a PT position.
- Submitted second and final progress report to DESE and have fulfilled all requirement.
- Acquired last office space in Sonoma Building and renovating during summer 2024.
- Special Education Director's Group met to talk about AAC.
- Gateway Graduation happened on June 7th with a great turnout from family and staff.
- Newton End of Year Celebration occurred on May 30th with a great turnout as well.
- Step Program from Monty Tech will happen on June 20th and districts are welcomed to come.
- **8. Meeting Dates** Stay as second Wednesday of the month
- **9. Adjourn:** At 3:43pm Matthew Ehrenworth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Christopher Casavant Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

Peter V. Stephens Chairperson