

Special Education Transportation Task Force October 20, 2017 Minutes

Members present: Jay Sullivan, Colleen Cavanaugh, John Hennessey, Gerry Mazor, Mike Mullen, and Carla Jentz

Meeting Convened at 2:30 PM

Agenda Items

Contract Updates

District Reviews: Gateway Regional School District review has been completed, a copy was available for members to review. The Seekonk review is currently being conducted and Fitchburg will be scheduled. The following school districts have expressed an interest in a review, Amesbury, Salem, Uxbridge, and Norwood. Monies can be moved between line items to support additional reviews. The review team will monitor current themes throughout the review process and present to the Task Force.

Ms. Cavanaugh, Mr. Mazor and Mr. Hennessey will be presenting at the MASS/MASC conference in November. Ms. Cavanaugh has secured a table outside the event to distribute information.

An article was written for the MASBO newsletter which was available for members to review. As part of the outreach process the MASBO roundtable leaders should be contacted for possible dates to schedule a presentation.

ASE will include a survey in their program meeting evaluation. Draft questions will be sent to both Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Cavanaugh for input. Discussion on what areas special education administrators feel business managers do not understand followed. Suggested perhaps facilitating a joint meeting to present concerns from both departments.

Mr. Mullen expressed an interest from maaps to conduct a workshop with private day administrators and the local educational agencies. Ms. Cavanaugh suggested she present at a maaps board meeting, Mr. Mullen will look into that possibility.

The FY17 October 1 data will be available from the DESE sometime in January.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Future meeting dates will be held at TEC, commencing at 10:00 AM on January 12, 2017 and April 27, 2017.