PRESC Executive Board
Minutes

Date: April 30, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Location: United Technology Center

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In Attendance: James Stoneton, Rhonda Sperrey, Greg Palmer, Mark Turner, Meredith Higgins, Matt Cyr, Josh Tripp, James Boothby

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm

1. **Review of Minutes from March 10, 2025** *On a motion form Greg Palmer and with a second from Rhonda Sperrey the minutes were passed unanimously (7-0).*

2. **Review and Consideration of FY 2026 SPRPCE budget**

Christy Babin presented proposed budgets for FY 2026 for:

> ***Leadership Budget*** *of $207,911 which was adopted as presented on a motion by Rhonda Sperrey and with a second form Mark Turner. The vote of the members present was Unanimous (7-0) in support of the budget as presented.*
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> ***Extended Age*** *program of $313,894 which was adopted as presented on a motion by Rhonda Sperrey and with a second form Mark Turner. The vote of the members present was Unanimous (7-0) in support of the budget as presented.*
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> ***SPRPCE Day Treatment Program*** *of $3,571,374 was tabled after lengthy discussions relative to the average cost per pupil based on 39 students enrolled which took the average cost per student above $70K per year. Concerns were expressed with the low number of students used to base the budget on considering there exists a waiting list and historically the budgets have been built with an estimated number of students between 50-54. The motion to table the the proposed budget was made by Greg Palmer and seconded by Rhonda Sperrey. The Motion to table was supported unanimously (7-0).*
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> *Ms. Babin will go back and work with the Director of the Day Treatment and return with an adjusted budget. Mr. Stoneton and Mr Palmer agreed to participating in meetings with the leadership of the program.*

3. **Reconciliation of accounts with Bangor School Dept with SPRPCE transition**

With the transition to PRESC and with the closing of the multiple handicap program and the deficit in food service accounts (day treatment) a balance transfer was approved in the total amount of $76,971.67 to the Bangor School Department on a motion by Rhona Sperrey and with a second form Mark Turner. The motion was supported unanimously (7-0) to transfer the funds.

4. **Review and consideration of PRESC Board policies**

   a. **BED - Remote participation in PRESC Executive Board meetings**

   On a motion by Greg Palmer and with a second by Rhonda Sperrey it was moved to adopt the policy BED - Remote participation in PRESC Executive Board meetings as presented. The motion was supported by a unanimous vote (7-0).

5. **Cole Foundation Literacy Grant update** - *Jim Boothby provided an update on the Cole Literacy grant which was approved by the Cole Foundation in the amount of $40,180. This grant is intended to provide literacy coaching in 8 member districts with 2 participants in each district. Recruitment of participants and a literacy coach will begin immediately.*

6. **UMaine / PRESC Thrive Grant information**- *Information was shared on the Rural Thrive Grant participation through the University of Maine College of Education. More information will be sent out to Superintendents and this has already been shared with the curriculum leaders. Laura Bean is the contact person at UMaine and they are actively recruiting participating districts and mentor teachers to participate in this opportunity.*

7. Establish leadership rotation for PRESC- *Because of the transition to PRESC the group felt it was important to establish a leadership rotation that would be inclusive of all member districts. The group directed Mr. Stoneton and Mr Boothby to draft the rotation.*

8. Other- none

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.