



## Minutes for May 19, 2022

### LABBB Board of Directors:

Dr. Eric Conti, Burlington Public Schools –Via Zoom  
Dr. Elizabeth Homan, Arlington Public Schools  
Mr. Philip *Conrad*, *Bedford Public Schools* –*Not present*  
Dr. Julie Hackett, Lexington Public Schools – *Via Zoom*  
Mr. John Phelan, Belmont Public Schools

### LABBB Central Office:

William Lupini, Interim Executive Director  
Joseph Adams, Accounting Manager

**Date:** Thursday, *May 19*, 2022

**Time:** 9:00AM

**Location of Meeting:** LABBB Central Office

### AGENDA

- Mr. John Phelan called the LABBB Board meeting to order at 9:03 am.
- Public Participation, No public participation.
- **Recommended Action Items:**
  - Dr. Eric Conti made a motion to approve meeting minutes of *April 7, 2022*, Seconded by *Dr. Elizabeth Homan*, all in favor. 4-0.
- Presentation - FY2023 Preliminary Budget/Spending plan for 22/23*
  - *LABBB FY23 Budget – Delayed until 6/16/2022*
    - *Tuition will not change from preliminary presentation*
    - *2.5% increase*
    - *Build in breathing room on our side to help districts with 45 day Assessments*
      - *Adding 1 TA & 1 Specialist to help –*
      - *Still determining what to do with extra staff if we don't have a 45 day assessment'*
      - *Currently will just represent hiring slack for FY23*
      - *John Phelan thinks program is fantastic/the need is huge*
- **Discussion Items**
  - Current Enrollment
    - Current enrollment is at 288
      - *Down 3 enrollments (almost \$200K in budget terms)*
    - *Big picture- need to build out hiring / recruitment*
- **Collective Bargaining**
  - *Interim Executive Director updated the board on negotiations*

- *Van Purchases*
  - *Expecting to come in by the end of June*
  - *Wheelchair vans to be longer*
    - *Will extend current ACT leases as needed on (month to month basis)*
  - *ACT open to selling two currently leased vans to Burlington*
    - *still determining pricing*
  
- *Vocational Programming*
  - *Watertown very open to us participating in their Vocational Program*
  - *Issue is high school will not have space for 2 years*
  - *There will be room at the elementary level but not the middle school level*
  - *Vocational Program will be in the basement and no room for us*
  - *Watertown presently has 6 kids attending LABBB*
  - *Based on 2011 Collaborative Commission, new Collaborative members must be initiated by School Committee 180 days before the FY ends*
  - *Special Ed Director could come as an observer to meetings while everything is getting into place*
  - *Dr. Eric Conti a little reluctant to expand, wants to make sure we keep LABBB a "Small Community"*
    - *Watertown needs to meet criteria*
    - *Downside is getting too big & uncontrollable*
  - *Mr. John Phelan says it's exciting, but reinforce LABBB's history/culture*
    - *Doesn't want to get too big & uncontrollable*
    - *What is best way to respond if other towns want to join*
  - *Dr. Bill Lupini will meet with Watertown's board*
  - *When their high school is done they will have room for us*
  - *Dr. Liz Homan likes the idea but also agrees doesn't want it to get too big*
  - *Dr. Eric Conti asking to put into writing professional, respectful words of keeping it small if others want to join.*
    - *Have to revisit the agreement to spell out clearly*
  - *People need to invest in stabilization, need guardrails to maintain stability*
  - *Dr. Julie Hackett a little nervous but will do what the majority says*
  
- *Special Olympics*
  - *Dr. Bill Lupini praised the districts for the Best Buddies Program and how helpful they were that day*

Adjournment:

- *Dr. Eric Conti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 am, Seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Homan. All in favor 4-0.*

