

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 17, 2024, 8:30 – 9:30 am SCLS Blue Room and ZOOM

Present

In Person

Krystle Barnett
Megan Bishop
Alexandria Hiam
Katie McIntyre
Amy Jo Southworth
Melissa Tunstead
Casey Veit
Carl Vitevitch
Jacqueline Wilson

Zoom

Fabio Montella

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Chairperson Alexandria Hiam

Voting Items

Expired Terms:

- Melissa Tunstead second term - Megan Bishop motioned to approve and Katie McIntyre seconded - unanimously approved
- Darla Salva-Cruz – not serving second term
- Katie McIntyre – no additional terms

New Members:

- Christine Maniscalco - Melissa Tunstead motioned to approve and Katie McIntyre seconded - unanimously approved
- Robert Hines - Melissa Tunstead motioned to approve and Megan Bishop seconded - unanimously approved

Budget Vote: The following financial data was shared with the group; Mr. Vitevitch provided context and further explanation.

\$103.852 million for three library systems (4% increase from 2023)

- Alexandria Hiam asked for a motion to approve budget as presented
- Motioned by Megan Bishop and seconded by Casey Veit - unanimously approved

Minutes from the March 7, 2024 Council Meeting were distributed previously and approved via email.

Discussion Items

Status of Co-Sers:

a) Library Automation Co-Ser 508

1. 42 districts plus two non-public schools ~ Ross School and St. John the Baptist participate
2. Current financial status: Revenue \$566,192 (last year \$ 542,085.00)

b) Library Services/Media Co-Ser 516

1. Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) listed on Shared Services Response Pages at \$10.75 per student in grades 3 -12 ~ (this amount includes a 1.99% increase for 2024-2025)
2. 48 districts plus two non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in Western Suffolk participate in Co-Ser 516
3. Current financial status: Revenue \$2,785,254 (last year \$ 2,567,271.00)

Participation Fees for CoSer 508 for 2024-2025:

1 – 600	\$1,193.13
601 – 2000	\$1,993.09
2001 – 5000	\$2,687.95
5001 – 8000	\$3,457.77
8001 – 11000	\$3,979.96
11001 – plus	\$4,680.83

Liaison/Program Meeting Evaluation from the March 7, 2024 meeting

Highlights from the Evaluation

- “I appreciated the literature connections to maker activities. Jessica Donovan is very knowledgeable and I plan to work with her in the future.”
- “The presenter clearly had great ideas. It was a nice reminder that learning happens through fun/play as well.”
- “Our Mackin rep did a nice job. The session was mostly elementary focused, but she showed a resource from the UN about problems facing the world which I will be passing on to our technology teacher.”
- “I loved the hands on learning breakout session. It was really cute and I loved the book she used for the activity! I am going to order it for my library.”
- “It was valuable to learn more about the nuances of what is expected and needed for the AP Seminar and Research classes. These are a very recent addition to BUFSD's curriculum and it is unlike any other program we offer.”
- “It was interesting to get clarified just what we are allowed to do as far as advising and assisting AP Research students in our role as Librarians”
- “I've been involved in the program at my school since its inception in 2017, so there wasn't a lot new for me here. I probably should have chosen something else. They did a great job of giving an overview of the courses and how they work.”

- “I was very interested in this topic. While Pierson does not have AP Seminar, we do have IB courses that require a great deal of research so I am always interested to learn more about how other professionals are using the databases for research.”
- “I started using the kit and needed help and had many questions. All my questions were answered about BreakoutEDU. I found new ways of using the kit and ways to be more creative with the kit and digital versions.”
- “We have breakout EDU and this one was a bit challenging to do and follow. Not the presentation, that was great. The Breakout lesson was difficult was hard for me so I know it would be difficult for my students.”
- “I like that Melanie directed the questions so we would stay on topic. This was so helpful. The best Liaison meeting I've been to.”
- “Elem was a small group but Liz did a great job facilitating. I always appreciate the opportunity to collaborate w/ colleagues. As it is, librarians have few opportunities to work with our counterparts as there is usually only one of us per school and limited time to work together. Being able to learn from the experiences of others is incredibly valuable.”
- “It was productive. Being able to talk with colleagues who are experiencing the same issues and get some new ideas was a good way to end the day.”
- “It is always wonderful and so helpful to share ideas with such amazing librarians. I really enjoyed the conference overall.”

SLS 2023-2024 Year End Evaluation

Carl provided an overview of the survey and showed last year's results

Council Ideas for Future Meetings

Put ideas in the end of year survey

2024-2025 SLS Council Meeting Dates (8:30 – 9:30 am – SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom)

- Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (SLSA State-wide PD)
- Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Thursday, March 20, 2025
- Friday, May 16, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. by Chairperson Alexandria Hiam