

## MassCAN Advisory Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Attendees: Rick Adrion, Carole Mahoney, Danielle Curcio, Hans Batra, Eric Conti, Jim Stanton, Tripp Jones,

Meeting Chair: Steve Vinter

Time: 4 PM – 5:30 PM  
Location: MITRE Corporation, Burlington

Copies of the February 12, 2018 Minutes were handed out and reviewed.

Danielle Curcio moved, “The Advisory Board approves the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes”. The motion was seconded by Eric Conti and approved 6-0.

Steve Vinter introduced the meeting agenda and stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to approve a revised MassCAN budget for the period of February to August 2018. A one page budget document and a scope of work for the period were provide to the Board.

Jim Stanton suggested it would be helpful to provide some background related to the complexity of MassCAN’s finances since the board last met in October.

MassCAN applied for and was awarded a grant from the Executive Office of Education for a **Plan to Promote Computer Science Education Across the Commonwealth**. The grant period was July 17, 2018 to December 31, 2018. This was a state grant for \$185,866 that did not require match funds.

In November, 2018 Jim met with Vanessa Lipschitz, Director, Education at the One8 Foundation to discuss a generous offer by the Foundation to provide a Match letter for MassCAN. After several discussions with my contacts at MTC and then with Vanessa, the Foundation provided a match letter on 12/19/18. After the first of the year, MTC required some additional information and certified the letter as counting for match on 1/12/18.

This Match letter allowed EDC to submit its June-July 2017 and January 2018 MassCAN invoices in January. The June-July invoice was paid in February and the January Invoice was paid in June.

In December MassCAN began a new set of discussions with the Secretary of Education’s office, UMass Boston and the College Board regarding a Chan Zuckerberg Initiative grant to the College Board for \$330, 000 to support year- long professional development program to prepare 100 high school teachers to teach the Computer Science Principles course during the 2018-19 school year.

On February 12, 2018 the College Board provided a Match letter to MTC requesting that the \$330,000 Grant to UMass Boston be counted as match. However, since there was no contract in place between the College Board and UMass, match approval was contingent on the contract being issued. The contract was issued by College Board in April along with a check for \$100,000 to UMass Boston and, EDC submitted its February and March invoices. Since the

total EDC invoice exceeded the \$100,000 College Board payment (actual private Match funds spent) to UMass Boston only the February invoice was paid in June.

An additional complication is that the available state FY16 match funds balance was \$100,000 and would not fully cover the EDC February & March invoice. In April, EDC began talks with MTC about having discussions with EOHE Secretary Jay Ash to see if a portion to the FY18 state funds in the budget for MassCAN could be released. As of today's Board meeting no decision has been made about the possible availability of FY18 funds for MassCAN and thus payment of the March invoice and the April, May and June invoices.

After this overview, Jim walked the Board through the proposed revised budget which reduced the previously approved budget by \$20,000 and extended the period the budget would cover to August 13 from June 30.

The budget document provided a detailed breakdown of expenditures with separate columns for (A) February & March (actual Expenditures), (B) April May and June (actual expenditures for April & May), July and August (proposed) and a total February-August Column.

Jim and Steve answered inquiries and budget questions raised by individual board members.

Eric Conti moved, "To accept the revised budget with reduced overall expenditure by approximately \$20,000 and extend the budget period from June 30, 2018 to August 31, 2018". The motion was seconded by Carole Mahoney and approved 6-0.

After this portion of the meeting, Steve led a quick review of the remaining slides in the deck prepared for the meeting providing updates on the Programming the Acceleration of Computing and Equity (PACE) Initiative that is being led by the Mass. Assn of School Superintendents. Tripp Jones then provided a brief update on the Business Engagement Slide.