MA (Cont. from 1)

but has switched between that model and reporting to the district. Staff has expressed concern that MA gets the proper level of training through the district and that the district be responsive to MA's concerns and provide technical expertise as needed. Frampton said he would address these concerns with the team, make all training available to MA, and respond to MA's needs.

Board members and parents asked several questions about who to contact if issues come up, who would be available at an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting, and who would be responsible for writing IEP progress notes and conducting meetings. Holmes said parents with concerns should start first with the service provider, then the building principal, and finally the ESS staff at the district. If needed, a principal or assistant principal should be available for IEP meetings, along with the ESS teacher, regular teacher, social worker, and psychologist. The district coordinator may attend if there are questions or concerns about services. Typically, Holmes said, the ESS teacher would handle the notes, notifications, and meetings in coordination

Board member Megghan St. Aubyn asked if the motivation for changing the ESS structure was financial, legal, or both. Holmes said it was both. Graham said that the legal opinion was that the district, not MA, should provide the ESS director. Holmes said not following this model could open both the district and MA up to litigation. Current ESS Director Jessica Coote clarified that department heads at MA always had the title of "Director" but that she has always been acting under Frampton as the ESS coordinator. Asked if the district would expand resources at its own expense, Holmes replied that the charter contract spells out who pays for what and that MA is already paying for these services. As the Local Education Agency (LEA), the district is legally responsible for SPED within the district. Board member Chris Dole said we are paying for these services and have a fiduciary responsibility to the school, teachers, staff, and the children.

Holmes said Frampton would meet with the SPED team and Principal Kurt Walker the following Tuesday. The meeting will take place via Zoom so other administrators can attend. Graham said it would be good to have Frampton sit down with parents as well to answer their questions and concerns. Dole noted that such a meeting was mandatory so families could hear how the district, as the LEA, can support MA. Graham would not commit to recording the meeting but said that minutes could be made available.

Finally, the board had a lengthy discussion of St. Aubyn's motion to hire a full-time development person, perhaps under Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Marc

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