



Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

MEETING NOTES

August 23, 2022 6:00-7:30 p.m. @ WebEx & Admin Boardroom (Hybrid)

Members present: Kenneth Davis, Jerry Carney, Dierdre Aden-Smith, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett (V), Lyman Kaiser, Jan Rennie, Jay Smith (V), Nicole Uebel

Members absent: Cynthia Bernard, Ayla Bertetto, Erin Hobson, Chip MacEnulty, AJ Mangum, Karen Petersilie, Joseph Shelton, Vickie Tonkins, Dan Yaciuk

Guests attending: Kris Odom, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Julie Ott (V), Board of Education Director

Ex-Officio members present: Kris Odom and Kim Gilstrap *Note: (V) = Virtual Attendee

Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions:
Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda:
Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. With a motion from Co-Chairman Carney and a second, from Mr. Kaiser, the committee unanimously approved tonight's agenda, with no expressed changes or exceptions.
3. Approval of the Meeting Notes (06/21/22):
Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from June 21, 2022. Co-Chairman Carney motioned to accept as written and a second, from Mrs. Aden-Smith, the committee unanimously approved the notes, with no expressed changes or exceptions.

Action Item:

Elect and Vote for a new Chairperson of Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee:
Chairman Davis presented the matter at hand and opened the meeting for nominations from the committee members, in attendance. Co-Chairman Carney stated that he is not interested in stepping up to that position and wishes to retain his current position. There were two immediate nominations vocalized, for Nicole Uebel. After a short discussion, the remaining committee members unanimously voted in favor of Mrs. Uebel becoming the new committee Chairperson.

Non-Action Items:

4. Review Charge, Meeting Schedule and Contact Information:
Mrs. Aden-Smith expressed the need to update the information in the "Position" column of the Charge. Other members indicated their wishes to update the format, when Ms. Rennie stated that the current format was put into place by the Board of Education, some years ago. Ms. Gilstrap will review and collect any updated information.

Chairman Davis reviewed the meeting schedule set for fiscal year 2022-23 and verified that the meeting dates are set for the third Tuesday of each month. No changes or suggestions were expressed and so the schedule was accepted as it stands.

Chairman Davis asked for confirmation that all contact information is correct and MLOOC members are receiving the meeting announcements and other email correspondence. Ms. Gilstrap confirmed this to be true, as there have been no email returns or rebuttals to the contrary.

Chairman Davis initiated the topic of discussion, which is committee member attendance and the decline in participation. There were suggestions made, for increasing attendance and accountability. However, Co-Chairman Carney stated his recommendation to take the issue to the Board of Education, for resolution and actions of recruiting. Without written guidelines on attendance, this issue was tabled for a future meeting.

5. Monthly Financial Statement Update – June & July:

With a cue from Chairman Davis, Ms. Kris Odom introduced herself as Interim Chief Operations Officer and concurrently the Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting. Looking at the June Financial Statement, she went on to express her observation of the remaining, unspent balances, on two specific PIPs. For MLO 2000 PIP 5, she reached out to Karol Gates, PIP owner, for an explanation, with no response yet. For MLO 2000 PIP 7B, she reached out to Linda Sanders, PIP owner, for an explanation, also, with no response yet. However, Ms. Odom acknowledged some of the challenges, to which she could speak personally, as she had worked with Ms. Sanders in previous years on purchase orders. Ms. Odom briefly explained how COVID-19 continues to impact Professional Development. In-person PD is very difficult to arrange, to which the staff shortage contributes, as well.

Mr. Kaiser looked on to the July financial statement and questioned why those unspent funds do not roll over to the following year. Ms. Odom exchanged conversation, to clarify the “rolling” of funds and why they don’t “roll”, if unused. It was expressed that the committee would like to invite Laura Hronik to the next meeting, for further discussion and clarification, specifically about the budget cycle, allocation of funds and why unspent funds do not roll over to the following fiscal year.

Ms. Odom went on to state July starts the new fiscal year and the one PIP that stands out is MLO 2017 PIP 8, for Capital Renewal, which is the only PIP balance that rolls to the following year, as the majority of those expenses are incurred in the summer months.

6. MLO Phase-In Report:

Ms. Odom briefly revisited the most recent amendments and touched on the inflation factors, now built into the 2017 MLO totals. There was a brief discussion about the bond debt pay-off, in December and how that looks, going forward. It was brought to Ms. Odom’s attention that there may be an error in the total lines, which will be reviewed, following the meeting. With no further questions, the meeting was handed over to Ms. Gilstrap.

7. PIP Review Inventory & Tracking:

Ms. Gilstrap spoke to the PIP Inventory, showing that next month’s meeting date had been added and will be updated, with the change in guests. She reviewed the position changes, as shown, with Tamara Acevedo, Chief Academic Officer coming in, Sherry Kalbach will no longer be our contact for MLO 2000 PIP 5. She discussed the changes and logistics of upcoming meetings, as the committee requested. Ms. Gilstrap will continue to track these updates and keep current dates documented.

8. Guest: Kris Odom, Interim COO; District Updates and Discuss Upcoming Topics:

9. Discuss Recommendations from Triannual Assessment, Plan of Action & Goal Timelines:

Ms. Odom proposed her thoughts for a “tracking spreadsheet”, with the recommendations from the recent triannual assessment. It is a creation in progress and will include input from the stakeholders, staff and community members, where appropriate. She announced that the MLO web page will be easy to find and informative to all, in our continued efforts of financial transparency. However, she is asking for volunteers to review, in-depth, the recommendations and provide D11 and the MLOOC with feedback and suggestions for a viable plan to meet these recommendations, as well as those not addressed, in the previous assessment,

in 2019. There were a couple of volunteers, from the committee and Ms. Odom and Ms. Gilstrap will reach out, to form a 'subcommittee'.

10. *Future Agenda Items from the June 21st Meeting:*

a) *Tentative (09.20.22) Guests Karol Gates and Tamara Acevedo, Curriculum & Instruction: Introduction of the new Chief Academic Officer*

Update of the following MLO PIPs:

2000-5A – Instructional Supplies and Materials

2000-5B - IT Staffing & Support Services

2000 - 6 - Literacy & Reading Assistance (LRT/TLC)

2000-12 - Specialized Instruction (ELL/SPED/GT);

b) *MLO 2017 PIP 8 – Capital Renewal: Continue Discussion of Potential Plan Amendment;*

c) *Continue Discussion of Future Funding Challenges in Charter Schools; Resolution Options;*

d) *Continue Discussion of thoughts to Survey Parents/Community on PIP Implementation;*

e) *Push Forward with Efforts to Communicate District Accomplishments, Resulting/MLO Funds;*

f) *Discuss Plan of Draft Amendment to Replace Bond Debt Reduction & How to Proceed.*

Not all of these topics were discussed, due to time constraints. It was decided that we will invite Laura Hronik and Valerie Scates to the September meeting and Karol Gates and Tamara Acevedo will be invited to attend the October meeting.

11. *Future Agenda Items:*

Adjournment:

Chairman Davis (now former) adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 19, 2022

6:00 pm

D11 Admin. Building Boardroom/Webex