

**MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2011**

PRESENT:

Board: Jean O'Connell, Elona Street-Stewart, Jeff Risberg,
John Brodrick, Anne Carroll, Keith Hardy

Director Kong-Thao was absent

Staff: Superintendent Silva, Tim Caskey, Jean Ronnei, Joe
Munnich, Jaber Alsiddiqui, Mike Kremer, Ivar
Nelson, Marie Schrul, Willie Jett, Andrew Collins,
Michael Bauman, Mary Gilbert, Linda Gores, Joyce
Victor, Kathy Brown, Julie Schultz-Brown, Jackie
Turner, Kate Wilcox-Harris

Other Daarel Burnette

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. The Vice Chair indicated the meeting had a limited time of one-half hour as there was a Special Closed Board Meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

II. AGENDA

A. Legislative Update

The SPPS Legislative Liaison indicated the K-12 Bill had not yet been posted so actual details of what was agreed to are still not known. She then proceeded to provide a recap of the completed session. She indicated multiple strategies were employed to educate the new members of the House and Senate and address the final outcome. These included multiple presentations to committees by the Superintendent, Board members, committee and individual legislative visits to schools, individual legislative meetings and grass roots stakeholder meetings (St. Paul Chamber and other education organizations, media and town meetings).

She indicated a Special Session Agreement had been reached and the session started at 3:00 p.m. today. 12 bills are being worked on: appropriations, tax, legacy, pension and bonding bills. There has been an agreement for no amendments or any other bills being added to the agenda. The bills will go straight to the floor for their third reading. Technical corrections can be made only with the agreement of all four caucus leaders and the Governor.

She reviewed the major provisions of the bills, as known, and provided her insight on what might be expected in the final bill. She also reviewed the major policy provisions, again providing her insight into whether some of them would be included or eliminated under the agreement. She also briefly reviewed the two items in the Health and Human Services Bill which would have an impact on SPPS (School Mental Health Grants and PCA).

The Omnibus Pension Bill includes provisions that address the unfunded liability. The COLA will be limited to 1% until the fund is at 80% sufficiency and 2% between 80-100% sufficiency.

The Legislative Liaison indicated she would provide a full final report to the Superintendent and Board when the actual details of the bill become available.

The Chief Business Officer (CBO) then provided a summary of the impact of State actions on SPPS. He provided a chart showing the shift payments from 2007 through projected 2011-12. He indicated they had done a review of projected cash flow and provided a chart showing the cash flow assumptions. He indicated he had set the minimum amount to maintain at \$50.0 million and provided a chart showing projected operating cash balance at July 14, 2011 and the projected cash flow through October 31, 2012 at 70/30 and 60/40. This chart illustrated the points in time when cash flow would fall below the established minimum. He also provided information on the impact of borrowing and a chart of borrows which had occurred in 2010 through projected January 2012. He indicated the District was considering alternatives for borrowing through MNTAAB or through Springsted.

The question was asked if SPPS did not participate in MNTAAB, would that impact others ability to borrow. The CBO indicated it could potentially have an impact.

The CBO indicated that as soon as the actual details of the bill are known staff would conduct an analysis and synthesize that with the adopted budget and prepare a report for the Superintendent. A report would be provided to the Board along with a FY 12 adjustment in August.

Clarification on the shifts was asked for. Staff indicated the shifts lag by one year provided there is no intervening action and the impact of the shifts is entirely about cash flow. The cumulative costs are paid in different fiscal years, it is not a hit on a particular yearly budget? Correct.

B. Standing Item: Policy Update

1. **Policy 903.00 Dangerous Weapons Policy Revision**

MOTION: Ms. Street-Stewart moved approval of the revised language provided and that the revised policy containing the new language be brought to the August Board of Education meeting for its first reading. Motion seconded by Mr. Risberg.

Motion passed 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Carroll).

C. Work Session

1. **Conflict of Interest Confirmation** forms were collected from Board members.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Mr. Risberg moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Polsfuss
Assistant Clerk