



MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes - Official

Present: Cindy Miller, Amy Johnson, Kelsey Puncochar, Gena Jacobson, Jessica Johnson, Julie Rae Pennertz

Others Present: Melissa Hanson, Heidi Hennen, Emily Schneider

Absent: Colleen Carlson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Cindy Miller and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Gena Jacobson and seconded by Jessica Johnson. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda which included:

- Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached
- Personnel Items as follows:

Retirement of the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jane Shobe	Special Education Teacher	June 7, 2023

Resignation of the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Holli Kobow	Paraprofessional	June 7, 2023



Employment of the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Alexis Cerrato	School Psychologist	August 21, 2023
Danielle Gehrman	School Psychologist	August 21, 2023
Jennifer Weiers	Paraprofessional, Trek	April 3, 2023

Contract Changes for the following Staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Anna Spencer	Additional 1 hour per day as Administrative Assistant	April 1, 2023

V. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

General Updates

The US Supreme Court recently ruled that parents may now bring student disability legal claims against districts directly to federal court to seek monetary damages by asserting discrimination claims under the ADA or Section 504. Formerly, parents were not permitted to file ADA or Section 504 disability discrimination lawsuits in federal or civil courts until IDEA Due Process procedures were exhausted.

MAWSECO Staffing

MAWSECO staff who are not fully licensed for their positions are being non-renewed as part of the annual process. The positions will be posted and these employees are encouraged to re-apply for the position they held providing they continue to be eligible for a license according to the PELSB criteria.

Information is being gathered to determine summer programming staffing needs. Summer programs include extended school year services in MAWSECO programs, summer school for care and treatment programs, extended school year services by itinerant staff for district students, and birth to three summer services by itinerant providers.

Program & Other Updates

Due to the Wings Adolescent and Treatment Center in Litchfield recently increasing its residential census in an effort to maximize revenue for the private organization, there is a concern with the single 574.25 square foot classroom space that is available at this time. Alternative classroom space options will be considered if necessary. Options for additional staffing and/or redesigning the school day are being explored.



The STEP Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 19, 2023 at the MAWSECO Education Center.

Site Administrators will provide written reports in May 2023 for the end of the year wrap up. Moving forward, the MAWSECO program administrators will attend board meetings on a rotating basis to provide a program update to board members.

B. Business Manager Report

Reported on possible new funding source for the Wings program. The remainder of the report was continued in the action items with the FY23 Revised Budget report.

VI. Action Items

A. New Business

1. 2023-2024 MAWSECO Program Calendars

A motion to approve the 2023-2024 MAWSECO Program Calendars was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Miller excused herself at 7:35pm.

2. Revised Fiscal Year 23 Budget

A motion to approve the Revised Fiscal Year 23 Budget was made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Kelsey Puncochar. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolutions for Non-Renewal of staff with Tier 1 and Out of Field Permissions that expire at the end of 2022-2023 school year

Julie Rae Pennertz introduced the resolutions for the non-renewal of staff with Tier 1 and out of field permissions including Martin Aberle, Jack Dobbs, and Olivia Engel. Resolutions were seconded by Gena Jacobson.

Roll Call Vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Kelsey Puncochar, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution Proposing Placement of Tenured Teacher, Carrie Schoon, on Unrequested Leave of Absence

Motion for the adoption of the forgoing resolution proposing placement of tenured teacher on unrequested leave of absence (due to licensure) was made by Gena Jacobson and seconded by Jessica Johnson.



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Roll Call Vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Kelsey Puncochar, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Revision of 1.0 FTE DAPE/OHD/AT position to DAPE only
A motion to approve the revision of the DAPE/OHD/AT position to DAPE only beginning with the 2023-2024 school year was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Future Board Meetings

- A. May 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake
- B. June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake
- C. July 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm

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