

Unofficial

MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Virtual

PRESENT: Irene Bender, Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Katie Koch, Chris Paumen, Julie Rae Pennertz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janell Bullard and Scott LeSage

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Gena Jacobson, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting as presented was made by Irene Bender, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

V. Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached

Motion to approve the bills and other financial reports for December was made by Gena Jacobson, seconded by Chris Paumen. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

VI. Reports

- A. Director Report – Janell Bullard highlighted the business office retirements, the first round of staff recognition honorees and Jana Knutson, SLPA Intern’s scholarship from Alexandria Technical and Community College Foundation. A special thank you to Irene Bender, Dassel-Cokato board member for her support to MAWSECO for the last six years. In addition, Ms. Bullard provided a MASE and MASA Legislative update and reminded the Board of the strategic plan focal points.

- B. Staff Report – Jill Sundblad, Special Education Supervisor (Education Center) and Patrick Archibald, Alternative Site Specialist (Cornerstones/Eastern Wright) presented a video of the MAWSECO Education Center site and the staff at this location.
- C. Business Manager Report – Scott LeSage reported that the audit concluded last month. He acknowledged Marcia Dischinger’s and Becky Nelson’s years of service to the Cooperative and gave a brief update on the CARES Act Funding.

VII. New Business

A. Personnel

Motion to approve the personnel items as listed was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Irene Bender. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

- 1. Retirement: Marcia Dischinger, Finance Specialist, effective February 26, 2021.
- 2. Retirement: Becky Nelson, Payroll Specialist, effective May 11, 2021.

B. December 1 Seniority Lists

Motion to approve the December 1, 2020 seniority lists as presented was made by Gena Jacobson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

C. Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions

Motion to entertain the resolution directing administration to make recommendations for the reductions in programs and positions was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye. The resolution is documented in Attachment A.

D. Ratification of the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MSEA -MAWSECO

Motion to ratify the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Minnesota School Employees Association-MAWSECO was made by Amy Johnson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Roll call vote: Gena Jacobson, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye; Irene Bender, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye.

VIII. Future Board Meetings

- A. January 26, 2021, Organizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Virtual
- B. February 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m., TBD
- C. March 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m., TBD

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard

Executive Secretary

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Attachment A

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the Special Education Cooperative dictates that the Cooperative must continue to monitor expenditures, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment in some areas or programs, and

WHEREAS, a reduction in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment may include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions/

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cooperative Board of Joint Powers District #938 as follows:

The Cooperative Board hereby directs the Executive Director and the Superintendents to consider the discontinuance of programs and positions to effectuate economics in the Special Education Cooperative and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the Cooperative Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.