

Unofficial

MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Virtual

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

ABSENT: Chris Paumen.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janell Bullard and Scott LeSage

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

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

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting as presented was made by Irene Bender, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Absent; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye, Chris Paumen, Absent; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

V. Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached

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

VI. Fund Transfers

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

A. June 10, 2020 - \$350,000

B. June 24, 2020 - \$400,000

VII. Reports

- A. Director Report – Janell Bullard provided a brief report updating the Board on the ongoing MSEA negotiations, the hiring of our final itinerant staff position and contracting with a staffing agency for a school psychologist. In addition, she informed the Board that the CARES Act funding has been put to good use providing PPE, mental health support and professional development for MAWSECO staff. As the State plan is released and District plans are finalized, the Cooperative programs will be able to finalize its plans for fall. Finally, she reported the theme for the 2020-2021 school year is “Get Up, Begin Again” MAWSECO new employee orientation is scheduled for August 19 and MAWSECO and District new teacher training on August 21.
- B. Business Manager Report – Scott LeSage gave a verbal report of the current happenings which is reflected in the board bills and fund transfers documents. He also mentioned audit preparations are underway.

VIII. New Business

A. Personnel

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

1. Employment: Carrie Schoon, Teacher, Early Childhood Special Education, 182 days at .75 FTE, BA, 2 effective July 1, 2020.
2. Employment: Meera Lyver, Teacher, Vision, 182 days at .75 FTE, BA+15, 3, effective August 31, 2020.
3. Employment: Mary Schacht, 1-1 Paraprofessional (Journeys Program), 178 days up to 32.50 hours/week, at Step 9 effective August 31, 2020.
4. Family Medical Leave: Angela Cardinal, Teacher (Trek Program), approximately November 16, 2020 - February 19, 2021.
5. Family Medical Leave: Emily Seitzer, Special Education Coordinator, approximately December 28, 2020 - March 19, 2021.
6. Child Care Leave: Alicia Fergen, Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, approximately November 9, 2020 - January 1, 2021.
7. Employment: Chelsey Lieffring, Teacher, PI, DAPE, OHD, 182 days at 1.0 FTE, BA+15, 5, effective August 31, 2020.

B. At-Will Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve the at-will agreement for the 2020-2021 school year as presented was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Gena Jacobson. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye, Chris Paumen, Absent; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

1. Holly Cottington, Administrative Assistant

C. Revised 2020 Summer Listing

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

- D. Designation of Identified Official With Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with the MNIT Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard which state that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external user's access to MDE secure systems for their local education agency (LEA). The Board recommends to authorize Janell Bullard to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Marcia Dischinger to act as the IOwA to add and remove names only for Meeker and Wright Special Education #0938-52.

Motion to approve the designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System was made by Irene Bender, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye, Chris Paumen, Absent; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

IX. Future Board Meetings

- A. August 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD
- B. September 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD
- C. October 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

X. Future Committee Meetings

- A. Classified Negotiations Committee Meeting with MSEA, August 11, 2020, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Zoom

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard
Executive Secretary

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