

MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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 6:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance (due to technology issues was not recited)

III. Acceptance of Agenda

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

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting as presented was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Katie Koch. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; 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 Jessica Johnson, seconded by Irene Bender. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

VI. Fund Transfers

May 12, 2020 - \$400,000.00

May 26, 2020 - \$400,000.00

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

VII. Acknowledgements-Staff Recognition Honorees: Scott LeSage, Business Manager; Michelle Montgomery, Administrative Assistant; Jana Knutson, Paraprofessional at Village Ranch; Olivia Engel, Paraprofessional at Trek; Alice Yanta, Paraprofessional at

Journeys; Jill Sundblad, Supervisor at Education Center, Wings/Westside; Lea Dobbs, Teacher, Due Process at Education Center; Jane Shobe, Teacher at Cornerstones.

VIII. Reports

- A. Director Report – Janell Bullard updated the Board on MSEA negotiations, summer contracts, CARES funding, the three plans for consideration moving forward per MDE and MDH for the 2020-2021 school year, due process monitoring has been revised for the upcoming year and the end of the year inservice which focused on self-care, the annual staff recognition for years of service and staff choice awards.

IX. 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, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

1. Employment Agreement: Caren Heltne, Alternative Site Specialist, for the 2020-2021 school year
2. Employment: Savannah Walsh, Special Education Coordinator, 210 days at Step 1, MA, Specialist, effective July 1, 2020.
3. At Will Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - a. Emily Hilbelink, Behavior Analyst
 - b. Marie Erickson, Behavior Analyst
 - c. Jill Sundblad, Supervisor
 - d. Amber Michels, Mental Health Professional
 - e. Marcia Dischinger, Finance Specialist
 - f. Becky Nelson, Payroll Specialist
 - g. Janet Hoff, MARSS Coordinator
 - h. Jan Colbert, Administrative Assistant
 - i. Lisa Perovich, Administrative Assistant
 - j. MaryJean Ballweber, Administrative Assistant
 - k. Elizabeth Thompson, Administrative Assistant
 - l. Michelle Montgomery, Administrative Assistant
 - m. Gervase Kappel, Custodian (MAWSECO Education Center)
 - n. Wendy VanVleet, Custodian (Sholund School for Girls)
 - o. JoLee Marquette, Brailist
 - p. Joseph Wald, Custodian (Village Ranch)
4. Resignation: Olivia Engel, Paraprofessional (Trek Program) effective June 5, 2020.
5. Resignation: Nicole Meier, School Psychologist, effective June 3, 2020.

6. Employment: Olivia Engel, Teacher (STEP Program), 182 days, BA, 1, effective August 31, 2020.

B. Resolution for Acceptance of Donations

The Board adopted the resolution accepting donations which is documented in Attachment A.

C. 2020 Summer Listing

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

X. Closed Session: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations.

Motion to close the meeting at 6:53 p.m., to consider negotiation developments in MAWSECO's negotiations with Minnesota School Employees Association was made by Amy Johnson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

XI. Open Session

Motion to open the meeting as 7:36 p.m., was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Roll call vote: Irene Bender, Aye; Gena Jacobson, Aye; Amy Johnson, Aye; Jessica Johnson, Aye; Katie Koch, Aye; Chris Paumen, Aye; Julie Rae Pennertz, Aye.

Members Present: Irene Bender, Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Katie Koch, Chris Paumen, Julie Rae Pennertz. No members of the public were present.

XII. Future Board Meetings

A. July 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

B. August 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

XIII. Future Committee Meetings

A. Negotiations, Classified (MSEA), June 24, 2020, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard
Executive Secretary

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Attachment A

The following resolution was moved by Irene Bender and seconded by Jessica Johnson.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative, #0938, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
DonorsChoose	“Let’s Get Crafty” Project \$441.28	Music and Arts – Trek, Journeys, STEP

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.