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MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, April 28, 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 6:31 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Katie Koch, seconded by Jessica Johnson. 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 March 17, 2020 meeting as presented was made by Irene Bender, 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.

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 Jessica Johnson. 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

March 10, 2020 - \$300,000.00

March 23, 2020 - \$300,000.00

Motion to approve the fund transfers as listed was made by Katie Koch, 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.

VII. Acknowledgement - Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2020

Janell Bullard expressed her appreciation of the MAWSECO staff. Now more than ever, they are amazing as they have implemented distance learning and connect with students and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VIII. Reports

A. Director Report - Janell Bullard commended Scott LeSage for all the work that has gone into the FY20 revised budget and FY21 preliminary budget which will be presented later in the meeting. The behavior analysts have been developing personnel development trainings for Cooperative and District paraprofessional staff. In addition, she reported that plans are underway for graduation for ten STEP students and one Trek student on May 22. The ceremony will be streamed and recorded following social distancing guidelines. Ms. Bullard also highlighted communication processes with staff and how she and the other directors are seeking clarity from the Commissioner of Education on ESY and summer school services. Finally, she reported on the new hires for the 2020-2021 school year.

IX. Old Business

A. Resolution Placing Stacie Jo Braun on Unrequested Leave of Absence
Board member Chris Paumen introduced the resolution placing Stacie Jo Braun on unrequested leave of absence and moved its adoption. The resolution is documented in Attachment A.

B. FY20 Revised Budget

Scott LeSage presented the FY20 revised budget for the second reading. Motion to approve the FY20 revised budget as presented was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. 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. New Business

A. Personnel

Motion to approve the personnel items as listed was made by Gena Jacobson, 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.

1. Reduction of Position: Nicole Johnson Powell, 1-1 Paraprofessional (Village Ranch Alternative Program) effective April 3, 2020.
2. Resignation: Kari Peterson, Special Education Coordinator, effective June 25, 2020.
3. Employment: Alicia Fergen, Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 182 days at MA+60, 11, effective August 31, 2020.
4. Employment: Stephanie Harbulak-Barron, Teacher, (Cornerstones), 182 days at MA+60, 15 effective August 31, 2020.

5. Employment: Christopher Conway, Teacher (Eastern Wright Program), 182 days at MA, 13, effective August 31, 2020.

6. Employment: John Anderson, Teacher (STEP Program) 182 days at MA+30, 10 effective August 31, 2020.

B. Annual Review of Policies Not Applicable to Cooperatives

Motion to acknowledge the review of MSBA recommended policies not applicable to the Cooperative listed below was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Chris Paumen. 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. 601 School District Curriculum and Instructional Goals

2. 603 Curriculum Development

3. 616 School District System and Accountability

4. 620 Credit for Learning

C. 2020-2021 MAWSECO Staff and Program Calendars

There was open dialog discussion of calendars, consideration of e-learning instead of snow make up days for the 2020-2021 school year. It was determined that snow days will be built into the program calendars and will be presented for approval at the May meeting.

D. FY21 Preliminary Budget [First Reading]

Scott LeSage presented the FY21 Preliminary Budget. The second reading will take place at the May 19, 2020 meeting.

E. Resolution for Acceptance of Donations (Attachment B)

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

F. Convert all Future Regular Meetings to a Teleconference Format

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic, by action of the school board of Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative #0938, all future meetings of the Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative will be conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 - Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Devices - until further notice. Motion to approve the teleconference format for future meetings was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Chris Paumen. 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. Future Board Meetings

A. May 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Note one week earlier due to Memorial Day

B. June 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

XII. Future Committee Meetings

A. Negotiations Committee (MSEA), Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Virtual.

B. Administrative/Classified & Non-Union Certified Committee, TBD

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Irene Bender.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard
Executive Secretary

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Attachment A

Member Chris Paumen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PLACING STACIE JO BRAUN
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

WHEREAS, the School Board of Joint Powers District No.0938 adopted a resolution proposing placement of Stacie Jo Braun on unrequested leave of absence on June 4, 2020, on the grounds of discontinuance of position due to merger of programs; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave was received by Stacie Jo Braun by certified mail on March 24, 2020, and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that she was entitled to a hearing before the school board provided she make a request in writing within fourteen days of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said fourteen day period it constituted acquiescence by Stacie Jo Braun to the school board's proposed action, and

WHEREAS, no written request of any kind was received by the school board or superintendent of schools from Stacie Jo Braun for a hearing as of April 8, 2020, and

WHEREAS, said failure to make written request for a hearing within fourteen days after receipt of notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave constitutes acquiescence by Stacie Jo Braun to her placement on unrequested leave.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 0938 that Stacie Jo Braun be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent School District No.0938 on the grounds of discontinuance of position due to merger of programs effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year on June 4, 2020 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec.122A.40, Subd. 10, without pay or fringe benefits and Article IX, Section 2 of the current Master Agreement between the School District and the exclusive representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in her file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Irene Bender and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Irene Bender, Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Katie Koch,;Chris Paumen, Julie Rae Pennertz

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Attachment B

The following resolution was moved by Katie Koch and seconded by Gena Jacobson.

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)
Wright Hennepin Electric Trust	\$1,000.00	Library needs for Village Ranch Alternative Program and Sholund School for Girls

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.