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MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

MAWSECO Education Center, 720 9th Avenue, Howard Lake, MN 55349

PRESENT: Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Julie Rae Pennertz.

ABSENT: Irene Bender, Katie Koch and Chris Paumen

OTHERS PRESENT: Janell Bullard and Scott LeSage

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Carried unanimously.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Gena Jacobson. Carried unanimously.

V. Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached

Motion to approve the bills for payment and other financial reports for March was made by Gena Jacobson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Carried unanimously.

VI. Fund Transfers

February 11, 2020 - \$350,000.00

February 25, 2020 - \$275,000.00

Motion to approve the fund transfers as listed for February was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Carried unanimously.

VII. Communications

A formal notice was received from Minnesota School Employees Association to begin the 2020-2022 negotiations process. The first meeting is set for April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. Acknowledgement - School Social Worker Appreciation Week, March 2-6, 2020

Motion to acknowledge School Social Worker Appreciation week was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Carried unanimously.

IX. Reports

A. Director Report

Janell Bullard provided an update on the Eastern Wright Program site exploration, non-union classified and at-will contract recommendations will be made for committee review in the next couple of weeks and the Cooperative's progress on Distance Learning Plans.

B. Business Manager Report

Scott LeSage reported the revised budget is finished and he will be working on the upcoming FY21 budget soon.

X. Old Business

A. New Policies [Second Reading]

Motion to adopt the following new mandatory policies as recommended by MSBA was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Gena Jacobson. Carried unanimously.

1. Policy 534 - Unpaid Meal Charges
2. Policy 623 - Mandatory Summer School Instruction

B. Revised Policies [Second Reading]

Motion to approve the following revised policies as recommended by MSBA was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Carried unanimously.

1. Policy 414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
2. Policy 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices
3. Policy 421 - Gifts to Employees
4. Policy 516 - Student Medication
5. Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use Policy
6. Policy 532 - Use of Peace Officers, And Crisis Teams To Remove Students With IEP's From School Grounds
7. Policy 615 - Testing Accommodations, Modifications, And Exemptions For IEP's, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students
8. Policy 703 - Annual Audit
9. Policy 721 - Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

XI. New Business

A. Personnel

Motion to approve the personnel items was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Gena Jacobson. Carried unanimously.

1. Resignation: Tammy Blomgren, 1-1 Paraprofessional (Trek Program) effective March 13, 2020.
2. Resignation: Melanie Brisk, Teacher (Cornerstones Program) effective June 4, 2020.

3. Resignation: Stacey L. Braun, Teacher (Cornerstones Program) effective June 4, 2020.

B. FY20 Revised Budget [First Reading]

Scott LeSage, Business Manager, presented the FY20 Revised Expenditure and Revenue Budgets. The second reading will be take place at the April 28, 2020 board meeting.

C. Resolution for Acceptance of Donations (Attachment A)

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

D. Resolution Proposing to Place on Unrequested Leave of Absence (Attachment B)

Motion to approve the resolution proposing to place the following employee on Unrequested Leave of Absence for the 2020-2021 school year is documented in Attachment B.

1. Stacie Jo Braun, School Social Worker

XII. Future Board Meetings

MAWSECO will consider virtual meetings in the future pending status of school closure and distance learning implementation.

A. April 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

B. May 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

C. June 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

XIII. Future Committee Meetings

A. Negotiations Committee (MSEA) - Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Conference Room, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jessica Johnson, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Carried unanimously at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard
Executive Secretary

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Attachment A

The following resolution was moved by Julie Rae Pennertz 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 Go For A Walk In The Snow”	STEP Program
DonorsChoose	Walking In A Winter Wonderland!”	Journeys Program
Montrose Lions Club, Inc.	\$2,000 for 3D Printer	Vision Program
Lions Club of Cokato-Dassel, Inc.	\$750 for 3D Printer	Vision Program

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Julie Rae Pennertz

Nay: None

Absent: Irene Bender, Katie Koch, Chris Paumen

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Attachment B

Member Gena Jacobson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE
STACIE JO BRAUN
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Joint Powers District No.0938, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Stacie Jo Braun, a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year on June 30, 2020, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, subdivision 10 and Article IX, Section 3 of the current Master Agreement between the District and the exclusive representative.

2. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED
PLACEMENT ON UNREQUESTED
LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND NOTICE
OF HEARING DATE, IF REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Braun:

You are hereby notified that at the March 17, 2020 meeting of the School Board of Joint Powers District No.0938 held on March 17, 2020, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Joint Powers District No.0938 and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year on June 30, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, subdivision 10, and Article IX, Section 3 of the current Master Agreement between the District and the exclusive representative upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows:

Discontinuance of Position Due to Merger of Programs

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

Yours very truly,

School Board of Joint Powers District No. 0938

Clerk of the School Board

That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, subdivision 10 and Article IX, Section 3 of the current Master Agreement between the District and the exclusive representative and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set for and resolved herein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by: Julie Rae Pennertz

And upon vote being taken thereon, the follow voted in favor thereof: Gena Jacobson, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Julie Rae Pennertz

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.