

Unofficial

MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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

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

ABSENT: Katie Koch.

OTHERS PRESENT: Janell Bullard and Scott LeSage

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Irene Bender, seconded by Gena Jacobson. Carried unanimously.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting as presented was made by Chris Paumen, seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Carried unanimously.

V. Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached

Motion to approve the bills for payment and other financial reports for December was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Irene Bender. Carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Director Report – Janell Bullard provided a report on staffing and Regional updates. She highlighted the MASE Legislative Platform.

B. Business Manager Report – Scott LeSage briefly updated the board on the following items: pledged securities, cash flow and the federal allocations to member districts.

VII. New Business

A. Personnel

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

1. State Tuition Reimbursement Agreement: Jana Knutson, Speech Language Pathology Assistant certification through Alexandria Technical and Community College.

2. Retirement: Cheryl Minor, Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, effective August 21, 2020.
 3. Extended Contract: Laurie Nosbush, COTA, additional 24 hours effective December 10, 2019 - January 31, 2020.
 4. Extended Contract: Darcy Bodger, OT, up to 15 hours effective January 6, 2020-January 24, 2020.
 5. Authorization: Teacher, Vision, up to 1.0 FTE.
 6. Employment: Jana Thorson, Long Term Substitute Teacher (Cornerstones Program), at Step 1, up to 26 days/208 hours effective December 2, 2019 - January 17, 2020.
 7. Employment: Lori DeRoiser, Long Term Substitute Teacher (Journeys Program), at Step 1, up to 56 days/448 hours effective December 16, 2019 - March 13, 2020.
- B. December 1, 2019 Seniority Lists
Motion to approve the December 1, 2019 seniority lists as presented was made by Irene Bender, seconded by Chris Paumen. Carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution Directing the Administration for Reductions in Programs and Positions
The Board adopted the resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions. The Resolution is documented in Attachment A.
- D. Resolution for Acceptance of Donations
The Board adopted the resolution accepting donations which is documented in Attachment B.

VIII. Future Board Meetings

- A. January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- B. February 25, 2020, TBD, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- C. March 24, 2020, TBD, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Rae Pennertz, seconded by Jessica Johnson. Carried unanimously at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janell Bullard
Executive Secretary

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Attachment A

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

**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, a reduction in expenditures and/or 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 make recommendations to the Cooperative Board for the discontinuance or programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Julie Rae Pennertz, Irene Bender, Amy Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Gena Jacobson, Chris Paumen and the following voted against same: None.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Attachment B

The following resolution was moved by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz.

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	“Toys for Every Child”	Assistive Technology

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Katie Koch.

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.