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Executive Board Meeting Summary

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Consent Agenda

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ☐ Requests for contracts for 4 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- ☐ Resignations/retirements by 5 ESP
- ☐ The following vacancies were reported:
 - 1 Speech/Language Pathologist (Various Locations)
 - 1 ED/BD Teacher (Gages Lake School)

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Recognitions

Student Recognition: Michelle Shepley, a student from Community High School District #128, was selected to receive the STARS Award for November – Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously. Michelle attends the Transition Program.

Pictured with Michelle (l-r) are Board President Joanne Osmond; Michelle's dad; Transition Teacher Linda Cirone; and Lynda Ward, Community High School District #128



Employee of the Month: November's employee of the month is School Psychologist Kathy Plath. Mrs. Plath had a previous commitment and could not attend the Board meeting. She will be recognized at the December meeting.

Old Business

- A. Contract with IHC for Maintenance Building: The Board approved a contract with IHC Construction to oversee the construction of the new maintenance building during Phase 2 of the campus site improvement project.
- B. Superintendent Goals 2016-17 and 2017-18: The Board approved the Superintendent goals Board President Osmond and Dr. Moline developed for this year and next year. The two-year process is based on conducting a planned and orderly process for accomplishment of major initiatives within the cooperative while accommodating a gradual transition in leadership with a new superintendent to be on board in July 2018.

New Business

- A. Contractual/Itinerant Rates: The Board approved the proposed billing rates for contractual and itinerant services for the 2017-18 school year.

- B. Closed Session Minutes/Recordings: The Board approved Administration's recommendation regarding the confidentiality of closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim recordings.
- C. FOIA Request: Dr. Lynch reported on a FOIA request received via email from Service Employees International Union Local 73. A variety of information was requested such as: employee number and name, job title, union designation, union dues deducted per pay period, and pay periods per year. The information was emailed within the required time line following consultation with legal counsel.

Introduction of New Assistant Principal: Dr. Moline introduced Mr. Dan Houlihan, the new Assistant Principal at John Powers Center. Mr. Houlihan earned his Education Specialist degree from Gallaudet University. He has 25 years of experience in deaf education, the last 10 of which were with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports to present.

Program/School Reports

- A. Announcements/Wins: The following items were reported at the November meeting of the Supervisory/ Administrative Team (SAT).
- A student in the ELS class at Woodland Elementary is on the cheerleading team.
 - Through great efforts of the ALOP Program, middle school students at John Powers Center are able to create a theater club. The club meets 3 times a week and will perform in March.
 - The Transition/Vocation Department's Picnic Day was a success, as was Disability Mentoring Day and Parent Orientation Day.
 - The transition and vocation level system is near completion. The department created a rubric to determine a student's job skills in order to predict the type of service and amount of time needed to ensure student success.
 - Cyd Lash Academy Activities
 - All classes participated in Spirit Week the last week of October.
 - A group with mini horses is coming to the school. Students have been raising funds for this program to visit other sites.
 - A sound engineer program is up and running. Students work with recording and mixing music. One student in particular has excelled with the mechanics of the program.
 - Six students are playing football in their home school district. Students must meet district requirements for participation.
 - Supervisor Joyce Meuth is working with North Chicago #187 to set up a Special Olympics program including bowling, soccer, and track and field.
 - The sensory room at Lincoln Center is up and running for LASSO-2 and LASSO-3 early childhood students housed in that building.
 - The Illinois Department on Aging has awarded a grant to the grandparents group to continue their program.
 - Donuts with Santa will be held at Laremont School on Saturday, December 3.

President Osmond commented that the SEDOL Foundation's *One Special Night* was a lot of fun. Dr. Moline reported that the event raised \$50,000, which is an increase over last year. This year the Foundation focused its fundraising for this event on the music and arts programs at Cyd Lash Academy. During the evening \$33,000 was raised to support these programs.

Closed Session: There were no items for closed session discussion.

Other Business

- A. December Meeting: Board members discussed the availability of a quorum for the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 22. Some Board members indicated an earlier date would work better for them. Consensus was to poll all members to determine their availability on December 15th, 20th, and 22nd.

President Osmond noted that soon the Board would need to make a decision regarding a firm to conduct the superintendent search. She said she was very pleased with the services provided by the firm who conducted the last search, School Exec Connect. Board consensus was to use the same firm.

President Osmond noted that the next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for December 7. Dr. Moline reminded Board members that we need a super majority of 21 districts voting yes to amend the Articles of Joint Agreement. The Governing Board will also need to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Carey McHugh to the Executive Board. Dr. Moline will also formally announce the Executive Board vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Rob Roop.

Adjournment: With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*

Thursday, December 22, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. ***Date may change to 12/15 or 12/20***

Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget***

Thursday, April 27, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***

Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.