

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board  
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

January 15, 2014

### Call to Order

Chair Tynjala called the regular/organizational meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:20 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Janelle Collier, Chris Riddle, Patti Pokorney, Jeff Simon, Jon Tynjala, and ex-officio Dorothy Bialke. Also in attendance: Business Manager Carole Nielsen and Matt Mayer (KDV). Absent: Jane Bunting, Kris Abrahamson, and Tammie Epley.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Riddle, to approve the agenda as presented for January 15, 2014. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

### Board Member Representation

Jeff Simon was welcomed as the new board representative for Anoka-Hennepin, replacing Scott Wenzel. Tom Heidemann will serve as alternate.

### Business Action Approvals for 2014

#### • Officer Elections

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Riddle, to approve the election of officers. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Chair	Jon Tynjala
Vice Chair	Tammie Epley
Treasurer	Kris Abrahamson
Clerk	Jane Bunting

#### • Organizational Items

Motion by Collier, seconded by Pokorney, to approve the following 2014 organizational items. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

- Board Compensation of \$50.00 per meeting for parent/community members serving on the board or on the Community Collaboration Council.
- Designation of Brooklyn Center Sun Post as the Official Newspaper for the District.
- Designation of Official Depositories for district funds to be the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Funds (MSDLAF).
- Authorization of Payments for Goods and Services in Advance of Board Approval.
- Authorization of Procedures for the Investment of Excess Cash.
- Authorization Relating to Negotiable Safekeeping.
- Authorization of Kern-DeWenter-Vierre (KDV) to perform the annual financial audit.
- 2014 Board Meeting Schedule.

### Executive Director, Programming and Other Reports

1. **Financial Audit Report:** Matt Mayer (Kern-DeWenter-Viere, Ltd.) presented the final audit report for the year ending June 30, 2013. Mayer thanked Business Manager Carole Nielsen for her diligence and attention to detail as it created a smooth audit. Mayer reported it was a very clean audit with the exception of lack of segregation of accounting duties. However, due to the size of the NWS organization, this is not a significant finding and controls are in place to ensure compliance.
2. **Legislative/EMID/WMEP/NWS Update:** Bialke presented the monthly legislative update which included the lobbyist report, integration rule alignment work group member list, and meeting information. Bialke also presented a working copy of the Integration Statute and Rules comparison of the new AIM statutes vs. the original School Desegregation/Integration Minnesota Rule.

3. **Financial Report:** Bialke and Nielsen presented the monthly financial report, including the high school grant update.
4. **Magnet Schools Program Report:** Bialke presented the magnet schools program report including applications received to date. The application period ends today (January 15) at 11:59 PM and the lottery will be held within the next week. 1190 new applications have been received, compared to 1044 last year.
5. **January 2014 Program Report:** Bialke presented the monthly programs report of projects and activities.
6. **January 17, 2014 AIM Work Group Session:** Bialke will attend the upcoming AIM work session and reported that MDE hasn't determined whether NWS needs to do a stand-alone plan or if NWS may combine with its member districts. NWS receives its funding from member districts and does not receive funding directly from the state. Bialke will also meet this week with member district personnel to discuss and design common language for the plan. Bialke stated two goals need to be a part of the plan according to state law and this continues to be a work in progress. Bialke was informed that MDE will be meeting to design the template within the next week. Budgets are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>, therefore Bialke will request an extension on behalf of NWS, and member districts may also need to request an extension of their plan and budget from MDE.
7. **Integration Rule and Statute Alignment Work Group:** Bialke presented information received as part of the work group meeting held on December 18, 2013 including a PowerPoint presentation by Rose Hermodson (MDE), list of work group members, and a comparison of integration rule and statutes. The group will meet again on January 22 to continue the discussion of definitions needed to clarify the statute, integrated learning environments, the role of collaboratives, and the participation of charter schools and other public school programs. WMEP, EMID and NWS leaders will submit a written document to the work group defining the positive successful collaborative efforts in addressing disparities and student achievement goals.
8. **Superintendent Meetings Update.** Bialke reported the Superintendent Advisory Group will meet once again for a four-hour working session with Dennis Cheesbrow on January 30. This session will define programming and structure that member districts seek for NWS to provide. Work has already been done to streamline including changes to student achievement and funding with AIM, and what areas NWS could provide to assist districts in meeting their goals.

#### **Discussion Items**

1. **NWS Personnel Update:** Madelyn Krinke is retiring from NWSISD as Administrative Assistant/Data Specialist. Her last day has been moved from January 15<sup>th</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Simon, seconded by Riddle, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: Check register for November - December 2013; and Minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board meeting held on November 20, 2013.

#### **Written Information Presented**

1. 2014 Student Leadership information
2. AMSD 2014 Legislative Platform information
3. Updated Joint Powers Board directory

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Riddle, seconded by Simon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Jane Bunting  
Board Clerk