

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

January 20, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Kris Abrahamson, Janelle Henry, Marcia Lindblad, Patti Pokorney, Lin Myszkowski, Tom Shinnick, Scott Wenzel, and ex-officio Mark Robertson. Also in attendance: Tammie Epley (parent representative), Mike Smith (superintendent representative), Gordy Thomas (Rockford alternate), Eileen Abrahamson and Gale Cannon. Absent: None.

Addition to Agenda

Robertson asked for an addition to be made to the personnel consent agenda for approval to hire Daniel Schmoyer as the JMNG Career Specialist for Rogers HS (Elk River District) pending successful background check. Due to the resignation of the Career Specialist at the Rockford site, ads were placed, interviews were held and Schmoyer was selected as the final candidate.

Approval of Amended Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Myszkowski, to accept the amended agenda for January 20, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Board Structure

1. **Board Member Resignation/Recognition:** Gordy Thomas (Rockford) has served on the NWSISD board for several years. Thomas was presented with a plaque with thanks for his years of service and dedication to the Joint Powers Board.
2. **Welcome new board member:** Kris Abrahamson from Rockford will serve as the primary board member for that district and Gordy Thomas will serve as alternate.

Interim Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Family Community Empowerment (FCE):** Gale Cannon (FCE Program Specialist) shared what the FCE program can offer to member districts. The program module and resources were shared. Cannon asked for assistance from board members to share the program information with their districts. Contact either Gale Cannon at gcannon@nws.k12.mn.us or Candace Whittaker at cwhittaker@nws.k12.mn.us for more information.
2. **Magnet Schools Program Update:** Eileen Abrahamson (Magnet Schools Director) reported that 938 applications have been received to date. The magnet schools lottery will be held on Monday, January 25th. Rigorous evaluation information was also presented and she noted that this evaluation is part of the federal grant. Charts were presented which highlighted each school's progress/data. Further discussion will be held with member district superintendents to determine next steps. NWSISD will apply for the next federal grant which is due in April 2010. Contact Eileen at eabrahamson@nws.k12.mn.us with any questions.
3. **Lobbyist/Legislative Task Force Update:** The monthly lobbyist report was shared by Robertson and an email from Jerry Newton was also shared. Newton is the chair of the state integration committee and the email outlined his thoughts/suggestions for changes to be made to the integration revenue funding statutes.
4. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the monthly financial report and reported the district is in good shape, even with two rebates going back to member districts. Robertson noted he is also developing the 2010-11 budget.
5. **Community Collaborative (Parent) Meeting Update:** Notes from the meeting held on December 18, 2009 were shared.

- 6. Program Updates:** Robertson presented the monthly program updates as submitted by each coordinator. Monthly written updates will be presented at each board meeting. Robertson reported that the superintendents will be discussing JMNG Career Specialists and what their job duties will be for the next school year. The Career Specialists will be hired by the member districts and will not be under NWSISD effective July 1, 2010.

Discussion Items

- 1. Speech Gear Translation Software:** NWSISD has purchased eight copies (one for each district) in the Spanish language to try the software out. The program allows verbal and written translation and is very easy to use. A demonstration of the software will be presented at the next board meeting.
- 2. Previous Rebates and Revised Budget:** Robertson asked board members to speak to their district superintendents with any questions related to the rebates or revised budgets. He also encourages each member district to submit a revised budget to the state.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. Organizational Approvals for 2010

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Henry, to approve the following 2010 organizational items as presented:

- a. Officer Elections:** Chair - Marcia Lindblad; Vice Chair - Janelle Henry; Treasurer - Tom Shinnick; Clerk - Patti Pokorney
- b. Board Compensation of \$50.00** per meeting for parent/community members serving on the board or on the Community Collaboration Council
- c. Designation of Brooklyn Center Sun Post** as the Official Newspaper for the District
- d. Designation of Official Depositories** for District Funds to be the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Funds (MSDLAF)
- e. Authorization of Payments for Goods and Services in Advance of Board Approval**
- f. Authorization of Procedures for the Investment of Excess Cash**
- g. Authorization Relating to Negotiable Safekeeping**
- h. Approval of Kern-DeWenter-Vierre (KDV) to perform the annual financial audit**

Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

2. 2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Henry, to approve the 2010 board schedule as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including check register for December 8, 2009 – January 4, 2010, minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16, 2009, amended personnel consent agenda (resignation of Sydney Chang, hiring of Daniel Schmoyer), and the Magnet Schools Rigorous Evaluation Services Agreement. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Written Information Presented

- 1. Updated Board Directory**
- 2. NWSISD Newsletter**

Adjournment

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Pokorney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Patti Pokorney
Board Clerk