

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

March 20, 2013

Call to Order

Chair Tynjala called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Jane Bunting, Janelle Collier, Tammie Epley, Marcia Lindblad (Fridley alternate), Chuck Tryon (Rockford alternate), Jon Tynjala, and ex-officio Dorothy Bialke. Paul Durand (Rockford) attended as representative for the Superintendent Advisory Group and DJ Reardon (Anoka-Hennepin) attended as Community Collaboration Council representative. Absent: Chris Riddle, Scott Wenzel

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Epley, seconded by Bunting, to approve the agenda as presented for March 20, 2013. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Legislative/EMID/WMEP/NWS Update**: Bialke presented the monthly legislative update, which included the lobbyist report, handouts presented at the February 14 and March 7, 2013 legislative hearings, and testimony information from March 19, 2013.
2. **Financial Report**: Bialke presented the monthly financial report, including the high school grant update.
3. **NWSISD Program Report**: Bialke presented the monthly program report. Buffalo representative Pokorney recognized FCE Specialists Whittaker and Guess for their positive and powerful impact they are making on the students in their district.
4. **Magnet Schools Program Report**: Bialke presented the magnet schools program report, including applications received to date and a chart listing spaces assigned at each district due to the lottery results. Bialke noted that some schools are in high demand but not enough seats are available.
5. **Update on NWSISD Move to New Location**: Bialke reported that NWS will not renew the current lease with Wirth Companies effective July 30, 2013. Two potential sites have been identified and a decision will be made in April.

Discussion Items

1. **Discussion of 2012-2012 Budget Amendment**: Bialke presented the budget amendment, due to NWSISD receiving an award by the Minnesota Department of Education for the Voluntary Public School Choice Grant to develop an online parent website.
2. **Discussion of 2013-14 Budget and Revenue**: Bialke presented the proposed budget and revenue for fiscal year 2013-14 for discussion and approval. The proposed budget was discussed at length by the Superintendent Advisory Group and it was recommended by seven out of eight member districts to approve and submit to the state upon board approval. Osseo School District proposed an alternative funding formula, however Superintendent Maguire agreed to take action upon her request following the legislative decision regarding integration funding. Superintendent Durand (Rockford) expressed appreciation for Osseo for bringing forth discussion and/or their alternative formula, however the group felt strongly that the proposed budget should move forward which would allow NWS programming to continue. In addition, the group felt that due to the number of districts that had submitted their budgets by the March 15th deadline, it was best for NWSISD to demonstrate

agreement at the state and legislative level. Durand stated the superintendents agree that the collaboration is important and are stronger together than trying to work separately. The group has confidence in Bialke's leadership and feels she has done a good job during the transition. Durand heard Bialke speak at a legislative hearing and felt she effectively communicated the value of integration funding and the need to sustain the funding source.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. **Approval of 2013-14 Budget Amendment**

Suggested Motion: Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Epley, to approve a budget amendment for the 2013-14 budget for increases and expenditures in the amount of \$230,000.00 for a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education on Voluntary Public School Choice as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of 2013-14 Revenue**

Suggested Motion: Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Tryon, to approve the 2013-14 revenue projections and budget (with the discretion of the Executive Director to amend as needed) in the amount of \$1,375,283.00 for submission to the Minnesota Department of Education as presented. Osseo representative Epley stated their district's concern regarding the revenue disbursement amount and will support the motion with the understanding that multiple discussions may be held as needed. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Bunting, seconded by Pokorney, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: Check register for January – February 2013; and Minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board meeting held on January 16, 2013. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Written Information Presented

1. Youth Leadership Conference – April 4, 2013
2. Young Women's Expo – April 19, 2013
3. Step-Up Boys Summit – June 17-21, 2013
4. We Act/We Day Information – October 2013

Adjournment

Tynjala adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Jane Bunting
Board Clerk