

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

February 17, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Kris Abrahamson, Tammie Epley, Janelle Henry, Marcia Lindblad, Patti Pokorney, Tom Shinnick, Scott Wenzel, and ex-officio Mark Robertson. Absent: Lin Myszkowski

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Shinnick, to accept the agenda for February 17, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Interim Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Lobbyist/Legislative Task Force Update:** Robertson presented the monthly lobbyist report from Amundson Strategies.
2. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the monthly financial report.
3. **Community Collaborative (Parent) Meeting Update:** Notes from the meeting held on January 20, 2009 were reviewed.
4. **Program Updates:** Robertson presented the monthly program updates as submitted by each coordinator for February 2010.
5. **Magnet Discussion**
 - a. **MSAP Update:**
 - Annual Performance Review: The third annual performance review will be due on May 15, 2010. Karla Fawbush is contracted to complete this evaluation for the 2007-2010 grant. Evaluation site visits will take place the first week of April. A request for carryover of grant funds through the 2010-2011 school year will also be submitted.
 - Rigorous Evaluation: A meeting will be held on March 17 with the quantitative evaluator, Dr. Shlomo Sawilowsky, and the qualitative evaluator, Dr. Kyla Wahlstrom, along with the principals and curriculum coordinators for each of the current grant magnets. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify expectations and procedures for the third rigorous evaluation.
 - b. **New Planning:**
 - Brooklyn Jr High: The design team for Brooklyn Jr. will be meeting for the third time on, Wednesday, March 10th. The team has settled on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with a global focus. The global engineering focus will be infused into each of the content areas. Brooklyn Jr. will be a 6-9 STEM school and will provide opportunities for acceleration or advancement for students in math and possibly other content areas. Both the building principal and the staff have demonstrated a strong commitment to developing a high quality magnet.
 - University Avenue Elementary: The design team has not met and they hoping to begin the meetings the week of March 15th.
 - Hanover Elementary: The building principal and staff of Hanover Elementary will visit Weaver Lake Elementary on Monday, March 1st to determine if they will move forward.

Discussion Items

1. **Speech Gear Translation Software:** Robertson gave a demonstration of the new software program including written translation of a document. The program allows verbal and written translation and is very easy to use. Currently NWSISD has purchased the software in the Spanish language.

- 2. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Position on Integration Revenue:**
Robertson reviewed a document outlining AMSD's position on the integration revenue program, which is for a task force to be formed comprised of state policymakers and education stakeholders, to conduct a comprehensive review of the state's desegregation rule and the integration revenue program. The three metro integration districts provided input on this position paper. Robertson asked that the board formally approve/support the AMSD's position.

Business Action Agenda Items

- 1. Approval of AMSD Position Paper on Integration Revenue**
Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Abrahamson, to approve the AMSD position paper on integration revenue as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
- 2. Approval of New Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Application**
Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Epley, to approve the new MSAP grant application process 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 January 5 – February 1, 2010; and minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Henry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Patti Pokorney
Board Clerk