

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

December 15, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:20PM on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Kris Abrahamson, Janelle Henry, Marcia Lindblad, Lin Myszkowski, Patti Pokorney, John Solomon, Scott Wenzel, and ex-officio Mark Robertson. Keith Lester from Brooklyn Center attended as the representative for the Superintendent Advisory Group and Tammie Epley attended as representative for the Community Collaborative Council. Absent: Jon Tynjala

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Myszkowski, to accept the agenda as presented for December 15, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Legislative/Lobbyist Update:** Robertson presented the monthly lobbyist report.
2. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the monthly financial report.
3. **Community Collaboration Meeting Report:** Robertson reviewed notes from the meeting held on Thursday, November 18, 2010.
4. **Program Updates:** Robertson presented the monthly program updates as received from Elia Bruggeman, Director of Educational Services and Eileen Abrahamson, Director of Magnet Programs.

Discussion Items

1. **NWSISD Professional Development/MN Humanities Center (Absent Narratives):** Robertson presented additional information on the Absent Narratives program and noted that he continues to meet with the Humanities Center to develop the program structure. Discussion was held on trainings and workshop information which will include five on-line modules developed in Hmong, Somali, African-American, Latino, and American Indian. NWSISD will conduct the initial training and Robertson stated that member districts can contract directly with the Humanities Center as needed. Absent Narratives will be presented as a resource and as an added value to classroom instruction. Superintendents will present the initiative to their district staff and determine the strategy that will be used in their respective districts.
2. **Magnet Schools Program Update:** Robertson reported NWS has received 750 online applications to date, which is ahead of last year. Students of color in the magnet program, has also grown from last year at 25% to 41% currently. Demographics data and maps were presented from each magnet school in the collaborative which included the ethnicity of students, and assignments showing where students are coming from by district. Discussions will continue to be held with district superintendents for expansion and recommendations to the magnet school program which could include additional elementary and middle IB and STEM locations. At this time, changes are not being proposed for the Arts strand.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. **Approval of Revised 2010-11 Budget:**
Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Henry, to approve the revised 2010-11 NWSISD budget amount of \$1,860,348.53 as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Action Items

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Abrahamson, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: check register for November 5 – December 3, 2010; minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board Meeting held on November 17, 2010; and Policies 405, 410, 413, 514, 526 presented for first reading. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Solomon, seconded by Pokorney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Patti Pokorney
Board Clerk