

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

March 17, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:26 PM on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Kris Abrahamson, Marcia Lindblad, Lin Myszkowski, Patti Pokorney, Tom Shinnick, Scott Wenzel and ex-officio Mark Robertson (via Skype). Absent: Janelle Henry. Also in attendance: Tammie Epley (parent representative) and Susan Hintz (superintendent representative).

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Pokorney, to accept the agenda as presented for March 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. A copy of the bill to establish a task force to look at the integration rule was also presented. The bill passed the House K-12 Policy Division and will be re-referred to the House K-12 Finance Division.
2. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the monthly financial report.
3. **Community Collaborative (Parent) Meeting Update:** Notes from the meeting held on February 18, 2010 were reviewed. There was discussion on what the purpose of the committee is and how this group should move forward. Epley (parent representative) commented that she feels it is a sounding board and allows the parents to ask and bring questions to the board and also to give feedback to their individual districts. Robertson commented that the council is a parent advisory group and most districts have a similar group. It was suggested that perhaps the joint powers board could come up with a list of meaningful projects to help guide the council. Committee members want to make sure they are representing the council in the best manner possible. This topic will be brought forward to the next council meeting for further discussion.
4. **Program Updates:** Robertson presented the monthly program updates as submitted by each coordinator for March 2010.

Discussion Items

1. **NWSISD Programming for 2010-11:** Robertson provided updates on the following programs:
 - AVID: The Advancement via Individual Determination program is currently operating in Anoka-Hennepin, Brooklyn Center and Rockford. Elk River is in a planning year for all three high schools to implement next year. NWS will coordinate all districts except Anoka-Hennepin due that district's size. Detailed information was provided regarding each district's logistics pertaining to cost, coordination and requirements. The AVID program requires extensive training and a question was raised if NWS pays for the training or if individual districts are responsible. Robertson confirmed that individual districts will fund the trainings as needed. It was suggested that perhaps a portion of the rebate dollars received from NWS could be used for this purpose in individual districts and he recommended they should speak to their respective superintendent.
 - FCE: The Family Community Empowerment program is doing very well and will continue for 2010-11. Staff members are very busy working with member districts to provide services. Robertson has received very positive feedback on their progress.
 - FEC: The Future Educator's Club will see changes next year as the advisors will be hired by the principals at each school, and the program will be run by the districts. NWS will continue to coordinate activities such as the book drive, annual conference, shadow days, sister-school activities and items from the national organization. Robertson feels it is critical to keep this after-school program as it fits with NWSISD's goal to recruit and retain staff of color.

- JAG: The Jobs for Minnesota's Graduates Career Specialists will no longer be hired by NWSID, instead directly by member districts effective July 1, 2010. There currently are nine JAG locations however some districts will no longer offer the program. NWS will have a part time coordinator to manage the program, which will include data collection, curriculum and national office requirements.
 - MRC: The Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) will continue to offer artifacts for check-out and online through Follett and the NWS website. This program will be heavily marketed to member district schools in 2010-11. The board discussed the MRC Specialist position and it was agreed that this position does not warrant full time status, therefore other tasks and projects will be assigned by the Executive Director and the job description will be revised.
2. **Discussion of Spend-Down of Current MSAP Grant Funds (Indirect Costs):** The current grant officially ends October 2010, however the budget will be carried over into the next fiscal year. Part of the grant has indirect costs built in and typically it is at approximately 8%. Robertson stated that NWS needs to know how much the three schools in this grant (Park Center HS, Brooklyn Center HS and Fridley HS) will spend by the end of the school year. NWS will build the FY10-11 budget without the indirect dollars added in.
 3. **New MSAP Grant Progress**
Magnet staff members and the grant-writing team are working diligently on the new grant application for submission to the federal government in April. Two schools - Brooklyn Jr. High (Brooklyn Center) and University Avenue Elementary (Anoka-Hennepin) schools are being written in the grant. AYP issues and racial isolation need to be addressed in order to qualify and it was noted that the grant funding will be more competitive than in the past.
 4. **2010 – 11 Local Magnet Funds**
Districts can apply for local grants from NWS to provide \$100,000 per year for three years. Osseo High School Medical Careers Program, Rogers Elementary STEM program and University Avenue Elementary have submitted applications and are candidates for the grant. However, if NWSID is awarded the new federal grant, University Avenue will not qualify for the local funds as they will be funded through the federal grant. Questions regarding the local grants can be directed to Eileen Abrahamson at 763-450-1306.
 5. **Transact Data and Analysis**
NWS will continue to purchase the Transact subscription at a cost of \$18,500 per year. This is a web-based program and translates documents into every language. Each district can have as many users as they choose. A report showing each district's usage was presented and Robertson commented there are plans to increase usage over the next year as there are modules for 504 and NCLB that can be used.
 6. **Joint Powers Agreement Update**
The original Joint Powers Agreement, written in 2001, was revised to reflect minor changes in the document due to the restructuring of the board composition. The revised document was presented for review. The agreement has been placed on tonight's agenda for discussion and approval.
 7. **2008-2012 Desegregation Plan Update**
The desegregation plan, submitted to the MDE in June 2009, was revised to reflect program and staff changes which occurred over the past year due to budget reductions. A copy of the revised document was presented for review. The plan has been placed on tonight's agenda for discussion and approval.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. Approval of Revised Joint Powers Agreement

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Shinnick, to approve the revised joint powers agreement to reflect minor edits as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Revised 2008-2012 Desegregation Plan

Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the revised 2008-2012 desegregation plan reflecting program changes as presented. The revised desegregation plan will be re-submitted to the state. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

3. Approval of NWSISD 2010-11 Budget

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Pokorney, to approve NWSISD's proposed 2010-11 budget of \$1,589,879.00 as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

4. Approval of 2010-11 MDE Desegregation Budget

Motion by Myszkowski, seconded by Shinnick, to approve the 2010-11 MDE Desegregation Budget as presented for submission to the state by April 15, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

5. Approval of 2010-11 Staffing Model

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Shinnick, to approve the proposed 2010-11 staffing model. Per board discussion, it was agreed that the Multicultural Resource Specialist position does not warrant a full time staff member, and therefore will be revised to reflect that additional duties and projects will be assigned. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including check register for February 2 – March 1, 2010; and minutes from the regular meeting held on February 17, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Shinnick, seconded by Abrahamson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Patti Pokorney
Board Clerk