

Minutes of the Regular Meeting - August 17, 2011

Joint Powers Board - Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

Call to Order:

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Jane Bunting, Marcia Lindblad, Teresa Lunt (Osseo alternate), Patti Pokorney, Chuck Tryon (Rockford alternate), Jon Tynjala and ex-officio Mark Robertson. Scott Thielman (Buffalo) attended as the superintendent representative. Absent: Tammie Epley, John Solomon and Scott Wenzel.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Bunting, to accept the agenda as presented for August 17, 2011. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Executive Director and Staff Reports: Robertson presented the following reports:

- Legislative/Lobbyist Update
- Financial Report
- Community Collaborative (Parent) June 16, 2011 Meeting Update

Discussion Items

1. **Discussion of Legislative Session/Implications for NWSISD:** Discussion was held to determine the leadership and tasks of NWS for this school year. The superintendents have recommended for Robertson to remain as the Executive Director (in a part-time role) through June 15, 2012 and to hire an Educational Director to run day-to-day operations. Large projects, such as the Magnet School evaluation, could be hired out as a consultant piece. With Board consent, Robertson will work on a job description and post the position. Robertson also presented an outline of projects that NWS is working on this year.
2. **Discussion/Update of Absent Narratives:** Robertson presented the training schedule with opportunities for member districts. Trainings for teachers have begun with Buffalo hosting the first session on August 11th. Robertson asked for the board's assistance and commitment to ensure each training session is full. The Absent Narratives program is also being incorporated into the Multicultural Resource Center and will be a valuable tool for teachers.
3. **Discussion/Update of Step-Up Summer Summit:** The 8th grade male summer summit was held June 20-24, 2011 at the Minneapolis campus of St. Thomas University. Reflections of the student participants were shared with the group and Robertson stated it was a positive experience and the students' reflections noted that. The students will be brought back together twice during the school year for activities and mentorship. The summit will be held again in June 2012.
4. **Discussion of 2011-12 Staffing:** As previously discussed, Robertson will write and post the Director of Educational Services position. All other staffing positions remain the same for the school year.
5. **Discussion of NWSISD Accounting Services:** Mounds View School District has agreed to take over this portion of the accounting services in conjunction with the Business Manager duties.
6. **Discussion of Federal MSAP Grant Wrap-up:** Robertson asked member districts to submit any outstanding invoices to NWS by September 1st in order to wrap-up the federal grant.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. **Approval of Revised 2011-12 Board Meeting Schedule**
Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Bunting, to suspend September 2011, November 2011, February 2012 and April 2012 board meetings and for acceptance of the new meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Tyron, seconded by Tynjala, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: **Check register** for the dates of June 7 – August 9, 2011; **Minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board Meeting** held on June 17, 2011; **Policies Presented for Second Reading and Approval:** 615 Basic Standards Testing for IEP, 504 and LEP Students; 616 NWSISD System Accountability; 701 NWSISD Budget; 702: Accounting; 706 Gifts; 904 Distribution of Materials at NWS Site; 907 Rewards.

Written Information

- Metro Transit Student Pass Program
- TransACT District Usage Report and Notifications
- Board Meeting Schedule

Adjournment

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

Tammie Epley, Board Clerk