

## Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board  
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

October 20, 2010

### Call to Order

Chair Lindblad called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:20 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Present: Kris Abrahamson, Tammie Epley, Bob Helgeson, Marcia Lindblad, Patti Pokorney, and ex-officio Mark Robertson. Peggy Flathmann (Fridley) attended as the representative for the Superintendent Advisory Group. Absent: Arnuewell Benifield, Janelle Henry, Lin Myszkowski, and Scott Wenzel.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Epley, seconded by Helgeson, to accept the agenda as presented for October 20, 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, which highlighted meeting notes from the Minnesota School Integration Council (MSIC) held on October 12, 2010. Demographics on the *Diversity in Minnesota's School Age Population* from the MN Department of Administration was also presented.
2. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the financial report. Budget revisions will be presented at an upcoming meeting.
3. **Community Collaboration Meeting Report:** Robertson reviewed notes from the meeting held on Thursday, September 16, 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.
5. **Meetings in Districts (at Cabinet Level) Update:** Robertson reported that meetings have been scheduled with all member district administrators in an effort to showcase NWS programs and what is available for their districts.
6. **Audit Report:** Robertson reported that the audit will be done early November. In-house staff will be doing pre-audit work on October 21-22. An audit report will be presented at the November board meeting.
7. **TransACT Subscription Update:** TransACT is a web-based program and provides a comprehensive set of legally-reviewed forms and notices in a wide range of languages for both native English and limited-English speaking parents. NWSISD has subscribed to the general education package, which has many general forms that can be downloaded and imbedded with district logos. Robertson is working on a marketing plan for member districts. Two trainings are provided free of charge and will be provided as webinar training in October. Robertson also provided a usage report for September 2010.

### Discussion Items

1. **Elite Academy:** Robertson presented an overview of this five-day summer academy designed for current freshmen, sophomores and juniors of color who are considering a career in education or teaching. Students apply for the academy with the support of their high school principal, counselor and parent or guardian and up to 50 students are selected to attend and all costs are paid by scholarships. NWSISD, WMEP and EMID financially supported the academy last year at a cost of \$10,000 each and a request was made for the districts to sponsor the academy again this year. After discussion, it was a general consensus that the cost was too high for the number of students participating and at this time, NWS would not sponsor the academy.

2. **Discussion of Magnet Schools:** Robertson reported that NWSISD was not selected as a federal grant recipient this cycle and presented a summary of the feedback received with the rejection letter. Robertson also presented information on magnet schools including; application process, assignment stats, slots by districts, schools and grade, and reviewed maps which highlight where each magnet school is located.

### **Business Action Agenda Items**

1. **None**

### **Consent Agenda Routine Action Items**

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Helgeson to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items: check register for September 3 – October 1, 2010; and minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board Meeting held on September 15, 2010. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

### **Written Information**

- Joint Powers Board Directory
- MMEP Sponsored Events – Family Scholarship Nights and Racial Equity Conference

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Helgeson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

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Patti Pokorney  
Board Clerk