

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

March 21, 2012

Call to Order

Chair Tynjala called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:15 PM on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Jane Bunting, Marcia Lindblad, Patti Pokorney, Chuck Tryon, Jon Tynjala, and Scott Wenzel. Dennis Carlson (Anoka-Hennepin) attended for the Superintendent Advisory Group. Absent: Tammie Epley, John Solomon.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Lindblad, to accept the agenda as presented for March 21, 2012. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Board Member Recognition:** Marcia Lindblad was recognized with an engraved gavel for her service as board chair from January 2009 – December 2011.
2. **Legislative Update:** Robertson presented the monthly legislative update which included report from Amundson Strategies, Advisory Task Force Recommendations, AMSD Position Paper, and a draft bill from Representative Carlos Mariani.
3. **Financial Report:** Robertson presented the monthly financial report.
4. **January 2012 Community Collaboration Meeting Update:** Notes taken at the January meeting were reviewed.
5. **Absent Narratives Update:** Robertson showed the link posted on the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) website which offers resources on ethnicities and classroom materials. NWSISD had a part in developing the program and it is now opening up statewide. MHC will offer trainings to other school districts in the state in person and/or online.
6. **Programs Updates:** Robertson presented the monthly programs report.
7. **Summer Step-Up Update:** The video from last year's summit was viewed and Robertson thanked member districts for their good work this past year. NWSISD and districts are gearing up for the next summit, scheduled for June 18-22, 2012 at St. Thomas University.
8. **Magnet Schools Program Report:** Robertson presented the magnet school evaluation report and data for Birch Grove. Every NWSISD magnet school is going through the evaluation process this year which will assist with quality control, best practices and learning from each other. Each school team uses the tool to conduct a self-assessment first and then outside evaluators come in to evaluate and all information is processed. Strengths, weaknesses and where schools need to grow are identified. The evaluations will help with planning for next year, and how districts write their integration plans. Best practices identified will be shared with all schools, not just magnet schools.
9. **Wirth Companies Current Lease:** Due to the bankruptcy of the current property owner, the building in which NWSISD occupies has gone into foreclosure. The court has appointed a new receivership for management of the building. NWSISD's current lease runs through July 30, 2013.

Discussion Items

1. **Discussion of 2012-2016 Desegregation Plan:** Robertson presented the plan which was developed by NWSISD staff, community collaboration council and members of the board. Robertson also met with team members at districts that were submitting a plan. Upon approval by the board, the plan will be submitted on April 22, 2012.
2. **Discussion of 2012-2013 Revenue:** Robertson presented the proposed revenue for 2012-2013 for discussion. It was noted that \$15,000 per high school will be granted to each member district in the form of a rebate.
3. **Discussion of 2012-2013 Staff Calendars:** Calendars for 210 day and 235 day staff were presented for review and approval.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. **Approval of 2012-2016 NWSISD Desegregation Plan**
Motion by Lindblad, seconded by Tryon, to approve the 2012-2016 NWSISD Desegregation Plan for submission to the Minnesota Department of Education as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of 2012-2013 Revenue**
Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Bunting, to approve the 2012-2013 revenue projections as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of 2012-2013 NWSISD Calendar(s)**
Motion by Wenzel, seconded by Tryon, to approve the NWSISD 210-day and 235-day staff calendars as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Lindblad, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: check register for January - February 2012; and minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board meeting held on January 18, 2012. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Written Information Presented

1. February 2012 NWSISD Newsletter
2. Middle School, Career Cross-Cultural Gather
3. MDE Parent Conference
4. MRC Blog

Adjournment

Motion by Lindblad, seconded by Tryon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Jane Bunting
Board Clerk