

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Joint Powers Board
Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

May 15, 2013

Call to Order

Chair Tynjala called the regular meeting of the Joint Powers Board to order at 6:10 PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at the Northwest Suburban Integration School District Office. Members present: Kris Abrahamson, Jane Bunting, Janelle Collier, Tammie Epley, Patti Pokorney, Chris Riddle, Jon Tynjala, and ex-officio Dorothy Bialke. Dan Hoverman (Mounds View) attended as representative for the Superintendent Advisory Group and Marisela Nelson (Rockford) attended as Community Collaboration Council representative. Absent: Scott Wenzel.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Bunting, to approve the agenda as presented for May 15, 2013. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

1. **Legislative/EMID/WMEP/NWS Update:** Bialke presented the monthly legislative update, which included lobbyist reports for April 10 and May 7, 2013.
2. **Financial Report:** Bialke presented the monthly financial report.
3. **NWSISD Program Report:** Bialke presented the monthly program report which included reporting that due to funding issues, the Jobs for America's Graduates program (JAG) would no longer be offered in NWSISD high schools after this school year. Students participating in the program within the Elk River School District would be diverted into career and college readiness programs.
4. **2013 Spring Leadership Conference Highlights:** Bialke presented an overview of the 2013 conference, including a list of winners from each district. This year AVID students competed in events with students from the Future Educator's (FEC) and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) programs. Districts are encouraged to recognize their student winners locally at board meetings or publications. Special thanks were given to board members and superintendents who were able to attend the conference for their time and support.
5. **2014 Spring Leadership Conference Planning:** Plans are already underway for the 2014 conference, which will once again be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. Dates to be determined and more information will be shared as it becomes available.
6. **Magnet Schools Program:** Bialke reported that the superintendents will meet in June to discuss the magnet program and make decisions as a collaborative based on factors, supply and demand. Superintendents will gather information within their districts and bring this information to the meeting in order to have a detailed discussion. The meeting will be led by an outside facilitator and discussion will guide the magnet program moving forward. Bialke will present an overview of this meeting at the September 2013 board meeting.
7. **Update on NWSISD Office Move:** NWSISD will officially move to 9201 West Broadway, Suite 690, in Brooklyn Park on June 17th. An open house will be held after school starts in the fall of 2013.

Discussion Items

1. **Discussion of Metro-wide Integration District:** The Minnesota Department of Education met with the Executive Directors from NWSISD, EMID, and WMEP to further discuss the feasibility and value of a metro-wide integration district. Bialke asked for further information from Commissioner Cassellius and will continue to research and discuss with other integration districts. This will be further discussed in the fall of 2013.

2. **Discussion of 2013-14 NWSISD Staffing:** Bialke reported that Gale Cannon, Family Community Empowerment Specialist, has resigned her position effective June 30, 2013. At this time, a replacement will not be sought due to budget, however Bialke may contract with Cannon on projects as needed. Bialke also presented 2013-14 employee working agreements for discussion and approval.
3. **Discussion of 2013-14 Calendars:** Bialke presented the NWSISD consortium calendar, 210-day and 235-day staff work calendars, and the 2013-14 Joint Powers Board meeting calendar for discussion and approval.

Business Action Agenda Items

1. **Approval of Cannon (FCE Specialist) Resignation**
Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Epley, to approve the resignation of Gale Cannon, effective date of June 21, 2013 as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of 2013-14 NWSISD Staff Working Agreements**
Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Epley, to approve the 2013-14 NWSISD staff working agreements, including a 1.5% increase as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of 2013-14 NWSISD Staff Benefits**
Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Collier, to approve the 2013-14 NWSISD staff insurance benefit package as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of 2013-14 NWSISD Staff Calendars**
Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Epley, to approve the 2013-14 NWSISD staff 210-day and 235-day calendars as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of 2013-14 Joint Powers Board Schedule**
Motion by Abrahamson, seconded by Bunting, to approve the 2013-14 Joint Powers Board calendar, including Superintendent Advisory Group and Community Collaboration Council, as presented. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Pokorney, seconded by Riddle, to approve the Consent Agenda of routine action items including: Check register for March - April 2013; and Minutes from the regular Joint Powers Board meeting held on March 20, 2013. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Written Information Presented

1. NWSISD Spring Newsletter
2. Step-Up Boys Summit – June 17-21, 2013
3. JAG Annual Report

Adjournment

Motion by Riddle, seconded by Epley, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Upon vote being taken, all voted in favor, none voted against. Motion carried.

Jane Bunting
Board Clerk