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Minutes of the Meeting
June 17, 2015

Members present:

Karen DelGuercio
Linda Ringer Deas
William Nolan
Mark Spector
Lou DeCree
Glenn Devitt
Mimi Keil Garbinski
Kathy Harrell
Angel Medina
Kathy Mulray
Kelly Rahill
John Swoyer

Members Absent:
Nicole Spellman
Tamara Robinson

MaST II Members:

Carrie Nork-Minelli
Chris Pienkowski
Tosch Traylor
Barbara Wolf

Mrs. DelGuercio called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 -- Personnel

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #2 -- Contract with Keystone Health Plan

Mr. Thomson told the Board that the Finance Committee discussed the switch from Aetna to Keystone and he said that a down payment needed to be issued to the benefits broker so the new rates could be locked in before they expired. The increase was a 3 to 4% increase. He stated that many schools saw an increase of up to 20% this year.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 7

Abstention: Mr. Nolan - 1

Nays: 0

Resolution #3 -- Tuition Reimbursement & Tuition Loan Program

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #4 -- Agreement with Nutrition Group - Tabled

Information is not available so this resolution was tabled at this time.

Resolution #5 -- Agreement with Moss Rehab

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #6 -- Approval of STREAM Summer Camp Program

Mr. Spector asked the total cost of this program. Ms. Bowman answered that the total cost of running the program is mostly based on the staffing. Mr. Swoyer stated last year's program ran at a slight profit. This year's profit will be a bit higher because students were charged more. More teachers will be employed this summer too. Mr. Devitt asked how many students enrolled. Ms. Bowman stated that there are 100 right now but there may be some more last minute sign ups.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #7 -- Approval of Extended School Year Services

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #8 - Approval of Ready to Learn Grant

Mrs. DelGuercio stated this resolution outlines what was purchased for the Ready to Learn Grant, which was approved in a previous resolution.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt,

Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #9- Approval for Attendance at JAMF National User Conference

Mrs. DelGuercio stated that Phil Havens from Technology will be attending this conference.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt,
Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #10 - Approval of Professional Development

Mrs. DelGuercio stated this is a workshop that Mrs. Davis has put together for writing a new component on the progress report.. In addition to telling student progress, this component will also tell parents where their child is in relation to the Common Core standard so if a child is having difficulty, a parent will know in advance.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt,
Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #11 - Payment for Technology Equipment, Software and Materials

Ms. Deas asked if 4th grade students will be receiving iPads this year. Mr. Swoyer replied that in order to accommodate elementary students at a faster rate, we are going to a "mixed model" so that more than 4th grade will have access to both IPads and Chromebook devices. We are moving away from 1:1 IPad ratio so that every classroom is accessible. He said all classrooms will have approximately 20 devices so that teachers can work around that in their lesson. He said Middle School (7th & 8th Grade) is also going to a program with Chromebooks. Mr. Devitt asked if we are moving from Apple to Chromebook. Mr. Swoyer said we are using both. Mr. Devitt asked if it will affect licensing. Mr. Swoyer said Google apps are free. He said there is a lot of free software we can use.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #12 - Payment to Scholastic for Special Education

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt, Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #13 - Payment to Scott's Air Duct and Dryer Vent Cleaning

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #14- Issuance of Diplomas for the Class of 2015

Mrs. DelGuercio asked how many graduates and Mr. Golderer replied there are 112 students graduating. Mrs. DelGuercio added that it was a wonderful ceremony. Mr. Swoyer said that a parent brought to his attention that the wording on the diploma cover was "Math, Science and Technology". The parent felt that the acronym MaST should be used. Mrs. DelGuercio said that it stands for Math, Science, Technology so it will continue to read the same in the future. There is no "and". (Ma was for Math)

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt

Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #15- Authorization for Use of Funds for Student Awards

Mr. Spector asked the total cost for awards. Mrs. DelGuercio stated it was $3,000.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt
Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

Resolution #16 - Payment to James G. Valucci, Inc. and DeGol Carpet

Mrs. DelGuercio and Mr. Nolan spoke on the background as to the work being done. She stated the building was a steel factory. There were railroad tracks that went across the whole building.. Mr. Nolan stated that over the years, the railroad tracks are popping through the flooring. Some classrooms are worse than others. Mr. Swoyer said the workers are going to test one classroom and we will make an analysis at that point to see what our next steps would be. Mr. Pienkowski asked if these are a safety hazard. Mr. Swoyer said that they have been covered with either a chair or a table.

The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Ms. Deas, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Spector, Mr. DeCree, Mr. Devitt
Ms. Garbinski, Ms. Mulray, Ms. Rahill– 8

Nays: 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomson stated the financial report for May was distributed. There is not much to report this month. He said that we expect to finish the year with $223,000 surplus at the end of May. Total disbursements for the month were $310,000. In May, almost $14,000 was sent to EBA, our benefits company to lock in the new rates for the Keystone Plan. Mr. Devitt asked what we attribute the positive balance that we have here. Mrs. DelGuercio answered that expenditures and salaries are running under budget.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Swoyer introduced Matt Ehrlich who will be moving into a new position over the next few weeks and more details will be announced about that at the special Board Meeting next week. r. Swoyer said that the 8th Grade Move up, Kindergarten and HS graduation all went well.

He stated that he and Mr. Thomson have been working on next year's budget, position and planning for next year. Over the last few weeks, we have had planning meetings over a project that was discussed with Finance Committee to create new space to add classrooms because MaST I has run out of space. This will also be discussed at next week's meeting. The committee discussed a location for MaST II and visited a potential property site down on the river. He stated he would like to break ground on October 5, 2015. More information will be shared on 6/24 at the special board meeting.

Mr. Swoyer said a Staff Appreciation was held on June 1, 2015. Employees with 5, 10, or 15 years of service were presented with a check and an award for their service. Also honored on this occasion were Donna Bernadino, Harold Crouch, and Linda Gotlieb for retiring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee

Ms. Deas stated that Personnel Committee met this week regarding an issue and the issue was resolved.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Nolan had nothing to report at this time.

Alumni Committee

Ms. Garbinski is still waiting for more information regarding the two reunions.

Scholarship Committee

Ms. Mulray reported on the MaST CCP Program. She said 24 students were tested and did extremely well -- 5 students are retesting and 12 students are eligible for the program. She said those 12 students are going to be registered in the next few days.

Technology Committee

Ms. Rahill had nothing to report at this time.

Discipline Committee

Mr. Medina had nothing to report at this time.

Wellness Committee

Mr. Devitt had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Committee

Mr. Spector had nothing to report at this time.

New Business/Old Business

Mrs. DelGuercio stated that if any board member is interested in meeting with underwriters, a meeting is Friday, 6/19. She stated we have also met with architects. We are hoping to offer contracts soon.

Ms. Garbinski asked if the property has already been purchased by developers. Mr. Thomson said the land is privately owned by a group of investors. Mr. Swoyer stated we now have a letter of intent. Mr. Pienkowski asked if that letter of intent satisfies what is needed for MaST II and the SRC. Mr. Swoyer stated that it did.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be a special meeting held next Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Approved by:

John J Swoyer III

Board Secretary

Date: 6/29/15