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Open Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2020

Time: 9:16 a.m.

Location: L.E.A.S.E. Office Board Room

Type of meeting: Regular

Name of person taking the minutes: Colleen Stefan

Name of person presiding: Mr. Brian DeBernardi

Members in attendance:

1. Mr. Carl Carlson
2. Mr. Brian DeBernardi
3. Dr. Jodi Moore
4. Dr. Kristin School

Members absent: Mrs. Kristi Eager
Mr. Michael Pillion
Mr. Charles Schneider

Also present

1. Ms. Mary Jane Chapman, Director

Reception of Guests and Visitors & Opportunity for Public Comment

There were none.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda (Open and Closed Session Minutes from the Board meeting held on January 7, 2020; December 2019 Bank Reconciliation; Bills, Financial Statements and the destruction of the July 10, 2018 tape recorded minutes.)

Summary of discussion: One additional bill list was shared with the Committee.

Motion made by: Mr. Carlson

Motion: To approve the open and closed session minutes from the board meeting held on January 7, 2020; December 2019 Bank Reconciliation; Bills, Financial Statements and the destruction of the July 10, 2018 tape recorded minutes.

Motion seconded by: Dr. Moore

Roll Call: "Yeas" – Carlson, Moore, DeBernardi and School
"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Remaining Agenda Items

Agenda item: Approve authorization of the Director to work with the architect and seek bids for Life/Safety building projects at Circuit Breaker School.

Summary of discussion: Ms. Chapman explained to the board that this is for school maintenance grant activities. Ms. Chapman would be working with Mike Kmetz in seeking a bid for the project.

Motion made by: Dr. School

Motion: to approve authorization for the Director to work with the architect and seek bids for Life/Safety building projects at Circuit Breaker School.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Carlson

Roll Call: "Yeas" – School, Carlson, DeBernardi and Moore
"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Agenda item: Approval of additional new services for 2020-21 school year.

Summary of discussion: Ms. Chapman explained that currently we don't have enough hearing itinerant services for next school year. Ms. Chapman explained that she would like to be able to post the position if there are no other alternatives.

Motion made by: Mr. Carlson

Motion: To approve the posting of a hearing itinerant position for our member districts.

Motion seconded by: Dr. School

Voice Vote: "Yeas"- all
"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Agenda item: Approve the date for the 2019-2020 budget amendment hearing

Summary of discussion: Ms. Chapman explained that she moved this agenda item to this month's meeting due to the timing issues and allowing the proper 30 day display period. The proposed formal public amended budget hearing date of May 4, 2020 is being presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Dr. School

Motion: To approve May 4, 2020 as the date for the 2019-2020 budget amendment hearing

Motion seconded by: Dr. Moore

Roll Call: "Yeas"- School, Moore, Carlson and DeBernardi
"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Agenda item: Approve the date for the 2020-2021 budget hearing

Summary of discussion: Ms. Chapman explained that she also moved this agenda item up to this month's meeting, due to the timing issues and allowing the proper 30 day display period. The proposed meeting date of the formal public budget hearing being presented for approval is June 4, 2019.

Motion made by: Mr. Carlson

Motion: To approve June 2, 2020 as the date for the 2020-2021 formal public budget hearing

Motion seconded by: Dr. School

Roll Call: "Yeas"- Carlson, School, DeBernardi and Moore
"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting

Date: Feb. 4, 2020

Time: 9:26 a.m.

Location: L.E.A.S.E. Office Board Room

A motion was made by Dr. School

And seconded by Dr. Moore

To adjourn to closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and to discuss the possible review of unreleased closed session minutes.

Voice Vote: "Yeas" – all

"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Time of adjournment of closed meeting and return to open meeting: 9:36 a.m.

Motion to Return to Open Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Moore

And seconded by Dr. School

To return to open meeting

Voice Vote: "Yeas" – all

"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Information Items

C.B.S. monthly report

Ms. Chapman reported that the staff at the school that have been on FMLA leave have returned back. It was also reported that after going over MAP scores, a little more than 80% of C.B.S. students showed growth in their scores.

Ms. Chapman shared Ms. Salazar's report. The school improvement team will focus on C.B.S. philosophy and they hope to finalize this by mid-February.

FOIA Request-Northern Public Radio WNIJ-Restraint and Time Out

Ms. Chapman shared a FOIA request from the Northern Public Radio-WNIJ was received and a reply was sent. The request was for information on restraining and time outs.

FOIA Request-NBC-Technology Information Request

Ms. Chapman shared a FOIA request from NBC regarding technology and information (software contracts). A response was given.

FOIA Request-Christine Brandle, HI Interpreter information

Ms. Chapman informed the board that Ms. Brandle is from District #300 and that she requested HI interpreter records. Ms. Chapman responded back and stated that we do not hire that position, and because of that, no records exist.

L.E.A.S.E./V.O.I.C.E./Legislative/I.S.B.E./Medicaid initiatives

- a. Ms. Chapman informed the board about a pending Senate Bill #2281, -which provides that a student eligible for services whose 22nd birthday occurs during the school year is eligible for special education services through the end of the school year (rather than being eligible for services only until the day before his or her 22nd birthday).
- b. Ms. Chapman shared that the new website is up and running. Board members said that they would like us to create their passwords and usernames.
- c. Ms. Chapman told the board she would like to invite a Medicaid representative be our speaker at our Alliance Dinner. Board members responded positively to this suggestion.

Non agenda items from the Director/Executive Committee members

There were none.

Approval of Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. School

Motion seconded by Mr. DeBernardi

Action: Passed

Time of adjournment: 9:46 a.m.

Post Meeting Action

Date minutes approved: March 3, 2020

Date minutes were available for public inspection: March 3, 2020

Date minutes were posted on Alliance website: March 3, 2020