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Special Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2021

Time: 9:15 a.m.

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

Type of meeting: Special meeting

Name of person taking the minutes: Colleen Stefan

Name of person presiding: Mrs. Kristi Eager

Members in attendance:

1. Mr. Jamie Craven (enters meeting after OMA request approval)
2. Dr. Mike Cushing
3. Mrs. Kristi Eager
4. Mr. Michael Pillion

Members absent: Dr. Jodi Moore, Dr. Lisa Parker and Chuck Schneider

Also present

1. Mrs. Kathy Fox, Executive Director

Agenda Item

Agenda item: approve an OMA request to allow Mr. Jamie Craven to enter meeting via phone

Summary of discussion: Mr. Craven is unable to attend the meeting in person at the L.E.A.S.E. office and requested to attend the meeting (via telephone) utilizing the OMA (Open Meeting Act). Mr. Craven has a family emergency.

Motion made by: Dr. Cushing

Motion: to approve the request from Mr. Craven to utilize the OMA allowing him to enter meeting via phone due to a family emergency

Motion seconded by: Mr. Pillion

Roll Call: "Yeas" – Cushing, Pillion and Eager

"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Agenda item: Approve the L.E.A.S.E. FY22 health/dental/vision insurance rates.

Summary of discussion: Mrs. Fox presented the board with spreadsheets on current insurance rates, proposed rates for FY22 and employee payment percentages vs. L.E.A.S.E. payment percentages. It is proposed to continue to offer four different insurance plans in order for staff to have options to reduce their costs. Mrs. Fox explained that she recommends to drop Guardian as dental insurance, as they are not paying employee claims. She explained that if we use Blue Cross/Blue Shield dental, along with Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance and Dearborn Life Insurance, we would get an

additional 1% discount. It was noted that this 1% discount would offset the increased dental insurance premiums on the BC/BS dental rates.

Overall, the actual amount L.E.A.S.E. collects from employee contributions would increase approximately 27.57%, while L.E.A.S.E. would absorb an increase of approximately 2.98%.

There was also discussion on the current percentage amounts L.E.A.S.E. staff pays and for the additional increase for FY23 toward their health insurance and whether the percentage amounts were in line compared with other districts.

Motion made by: Dr. Cushing

Motion: to approve the L.E.A.S.E. FY22 health/dental/vision insurance rates

Motion seconded by: Mr. Pillion

Roll Call: "Yeas" – Cushing, Pillion, Craven and Eager

"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Approval of Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Pillion

Motion seconded by Dr. Cushing

Voice Vote: "Yeas" – all

"Nays" – none.

Action: Passed

Time of adjournment: 9:45 a.m.

Post Meeting Action

Date minutes approved: December 7, 2021

Date minutes were available for public inspection: December 7, 2021

Date minutes were posted on Alliance website: December 7, 2021