

## March Board Meeting Notes

Meeting Opened at 4:30 pm on Thursday March 28th, 2016

Members Present: Becky Juntunen, Martin Lukaszewski, Dekha Osman, Scott Kringle, Andrea Miller, Patrick Dreher and Norman Lynskey

Other Members Present: Patty Brostrom, Cindy Lavorato and BKDA representatives

### Board Elections:

- Chair: Scott Kringle
- Vice Chair: Becky Juntunen
- Treasurer/Secretary: Tami Schultz

### Minneapolis Academy Merger Discussion

- Merge our current MTS Middle School with Minneapolis Academy
- Ending fund balance of \$350,000
- Merging of assets and liabilities
- Only outstanding liability is the current lease of their building
- File with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General - they have 45 days to respond
- By the April board meeting - we hope to have a decision so we can begin on May 1
  - 9 5th graders
  - 40 8th graders -
  - 80 6th and 7th graders
  - 14 teachers
  - Church is willing to let go of the lease - if they let go of the lease, does it become a liability?
  - Norm motions to move the merger discussion forward. Dekah abstains.

### Facilities Discussion: establish work sessions as it concerns facilities.

- Middle School is affiliated building - we are responsible for the mortgage
  - Open a second Banaadir K-5 with at least 80 kids
  - Would require 14 staff people
- Pease stays where they are
- Elementary is stable at 100 students
- Virtual High School
  - was not approved for lease aid
  - Move them into the high school
- High School
  - Lease space to other programs
    - Litehouse - 300 students
    - MIFI - 100 students
  - Lease Aid would need to be adjusted in order to accommodate other programs

## Financial Discussion

- We need to cut - we need to save - facilities
- We're looking at a deficit at the end of the year as well as a possible negative fund balance.

Scott moves to close the meeting Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.D subd.3(b) to discuss CLP and the Attendance Audit. Martin Seconds. The meeting is closed.

Meeting is opened at 6:04 pm

Contract negotiations: Caden, Transportation, CKC Foods

Lavorato Contract: Presented her billable hours, discussed the different activities she has been a part of throughout the term of her contract. The need for legal counsel has been on the decline. She presented 3 contract options two of the options keeping her as a contracted employee, the third option using her as independent counsel. Tami suggests that we table the discussion and the vote until the working session.

Updates from the Directors:

Elementary -

- World's Best Workforce. The students were introduced to different careers.

Middle School -

- students went on a trip to a Robotics competition in Duluth with the high school Robotics team.

High School -

- Students went to Duluth to present their robot. It moved forward!
- JROTC Academy moving forward. Received a \$52,000 grant from the WHEM foundation
- In the running for a \$39,000 grant to help recruit students of color into education. It would help pay for College in the Schools classes and college experiences for students

MCA testing is underway. Preliminary scores will be available shortly.

Working session on April 14th with the next regular board meeting to be held on April 28th.

Patrick moves to adjourn at 7:30 pm.