October Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday October 22nd 2015

Meeting in progress as of 4:37pm

Attended Members: Becky Juntunen, Norman Lysnkey, Patrick Dreher, Scott Kringle, Sheila Casey, Andrea Miller, Martin Lukaszewski and Dekha Osman

Other’s in attendance: Patty Brostrom, Cindy Lavorato and BKDA

- Approval of September 2015 Minutes
  - Scott Kringle motions to approve the September 2015 board minutes. Patrick seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approved.

- Consent of Agenda
  - Becky Juntunen motions to approve the agenda. Norm Lysnkey seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.

- Robotics Elective Program – Presented by Emmanuel Obikwelu
  - Mr. Obikwelu is seeking support from the board to assist in finding a grant writer. Looking to request grants from Robotics and MASA.
  - Sheila Casey stated that she may have a contact that would be willing to assist with this support and will follow up with Mr. Obikwelu.

- PEASE Proposal – Presented by Michael Durchslaq
  - PEASE Academy online powered by MN Virtual High School.
  - Seeking permission to launch pilot program with 15-20 students.
  - Target timeframe is second semester. Targeting outside metro will be the focus.
  - Scott Kringle motions to approve the pilot launch. Becky Juntunen seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approved.
• Financials – Presented by BKDA
  ✓ The working budget projects a deficit of $761,407. This is due to a reduction of 140 students enrolled.
  ✓ The ending fund balance for this year is $516,907, based on the preliminary ending fund balance for last year. 1.5% of expenditures.
  ✓ Revenues – 23.7% of budgeted revenues have been received to date. This includes estimate of state aid holdback and federal aids earned.
  ✓ Expenses – 15.4% of budgeted expenditures have been incurred. This includes estimate of salaries and wages payable.
  ✓ Revenues exceeded expenses in all funds by $2,626,179 as of the end of the month. This is including an overpayment of state special education aid made on August 30th.
  ▪ Scott Kringle motions to accept financials. Patrick Dreher seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approved.

• Legal Issues – This portion of meeting is closed
  ▪ Patrick Dreher motions to close meeting by statute: The board closed the meeting, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05subd.3 (b). Martin Lukaszewski seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approved.
  ✓ Meeting reopened
  ▪ Norman Lynskey moved that council for MTCS bring the necessary action to obtain a default judgement against the Community Learning Project. Scott Kringle seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.
• Superintendents Report
  ✓ The food Program Verification Approved by October 1st 2015, to reflect for status accuracy.
  ✓ Pillsbury Forum – 35 staff in attendance. Sessions provided tips and information to work better with families and staff. Larry Mckenzie has a powerful speaker. Patty suggests that he becomes a speaker at a staff day. Patty recommends that we have a stronger action plan to obtain more staff involvement.
  ✓ Perkins Meeting – Patty is confirmed to be the oldest member. Looking for new people to fulfill positions. First meeting will be to invite MPLS people in to MTCS.
  ✓ Legislature auditor is coming to audit our pension plan. Confirmed that all reports were sent to support audit.
  ✓ Seeking board approval for the following:
    o Applying for student participation grant.
      ▪ Patrick Dreher motions to accept application for grant. Andrea Miller seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.
    o Maintaining membership in MN High School state league.
      ▪ Patrick Dreher motions to maintain membership. Martin Lukaszewski seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.
  ✓ The insurance company requires a return to work policy if injured on the job. This would be in regards to accommodation to reduced hours, Para/Aide position, conducting an annual safety audit with the safety committee The board will be provided with a reporting in this respect.
    ▪ Scott Kringle motions to move on the return to work policy recommendations. Andrea Miller seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.
    ▪ Andrea Miller motions to establish a safety committee. Martin Lukaszewski seconds motion. Motion carried as all board members approve.
  ✓ Patty informed that there has been no report on the financial audit from MDE at this time.
  ✓ Request of leave for three Connections students:
    o PP
    o RR
    o AH
    ▪ Andrea Miller motions to accept leave of absences for the above students. Scott Kringle seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.
  ✓ Seeking contract approval for Mary Becker.
  ✓ Andrea Miller motions to accept contract approval. Patrick Dreher seconds motion. Motion carried as all board members approve.
✓ Escrow Agreement – Formal resolution for advance academics putting funds into escrow account. (Signed copy by board chair, Sheila Casey will be in the board notes book.)
  ▪ Scott Kringle motions to accept agreement. Patrick Dreher seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.

• Executive Committee
✓ Executive Committee met to discuss the contract for Superintendent. Moving forward measurable goals will be established for Superintendent description.
  ▪ Patrick motions to accept Superintendent Contract. Scott Kringle seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approve.

• Cindy Lavorato conducted training on open meeting laws.
  ▪ Scott Kringle motion to adjourn meeting at 6:55. Patrick Dreher seconds motion. Motion carried as all members approved.