

MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

MAWSECO Education Center

720 9th Avenue

Howard Lake, MN 55349

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Amy Johnson, Cindy Miller, Julie Pennertz, Jessica Johnson, Paul Bravinder

ABSENT: Gena Jacobson, Katie Koch, Joe Paumen

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott LeSage, Melissa Hanson, Wendy Johnson

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Acceptance of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda as presented made by Julie Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 board meeting as presented was made by Paul Bravinder and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached

A motion to approve bills for payment and other financial reports as presented was made by Julie Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Fund Transfers

A. 7/9/2021 - \$500,000

B. 7/26/2021 - \$300,000

A motion to approve the fund transfers for August 2021 as listed was made by Paul Bravinder and seconded by Amy Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to rescind the fund transfers as listed was made by Paul Bravinder and seconded by Amy Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve adjusted fund transfers 8/6/21 - \$250,000 and 8/23/21 - \$300,000 was made by Paul Bravinder and seconded by Amy Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Director Report

Melissa provided updates on staffing. MAWSECO has hired for several positions but continues to have unfilled positions. The cooperative has been provisionally approved by the MDE to provide online instruction during the 2021-22 school year, as necessary due to the pandemic. An MN OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Plan has been developed for MAWSECO in response to the new requirements. MAWSECO Child Count Data was provided. Our student enrollment is up from last year but not yet at the level of two years ago. The area of Birth-3 ECSE is the most significant contributor to the lower child count. ECSE referrals are picking up again. Melissa reported on the incidents in which masks were required in MAWSECO programs since the last board meeting in accordance with the August Board Meeting Resolution giving administrative authority to impose mask requirements when deemed necessary. She also provided updates on areas of focus in alignment with the strategic plan.

B. Business Manager Report

Scott LeSage reported that the business office is preparing for the annual audit and it's an extremely busy time. The final FY21 federal payments are going out to the member districts. The business office is currently working on birth-3 refunds for member districts.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business

IX. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Employment: Marty Aberle, Science Teacher at Village Ranch Alternative Program, 177 days (BA+60/MA & Step 4), with fringes, effective 9/7/2021.
2. Employment: Paige Case, Paraprofessional at Village Ranch Alternative Program, 36 hours/week, (Step 2), with fringes, effective 9/7/2021.
3. Employment: Nicole Sigler, Administrative Assistant, Cornerstones/Eastern Wright, 36 hours/week, effective 8/30/2021.
4. Employment: Nicole Johnson Powell, Paraprofessional, Eastern Wright, 36 hours/week, (Step 2), with fringes, effective 8/30/2021.
5. Resignation: Paul Janowiec, Teacher Village Ranch Alternative Program, effective September 24, 2021.
6. Status Change: Lea Dobbs, Special Education Teacher, 182 days (BA+60/MA) to Special Education Teacher, 91 days (BA+60/MA) and Coordinator, 101 days (Step 1), with fringes, effective 8/25, 2021.
7. Lane Change: Meera Lyver moving from BA+15 to BA+45
8. Lane Change: Robert Sohler moving from MA to MA+15

Motion to approve the personnel items as listed made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Cindy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Ratification of the 2021-2023 Master Agreement with Education MN-MAWSECO

A motion to approve the new 2021-2023 Master Agreement with Education MN-MAWSECO as presented was made by Julie Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Ratification of the MOA of the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MSEA-MAWSECO

A motion to approve the MOA of 2020-2022 with MSEA-MAWSECO as presented was made by Julie Pennertz and seconded by Cindy Miller. Motion was carried unanimously.

XII. New Position: Full Time Special Education Teacher (Float Position)

A motion to add a new position for Full-time Special Education teacher (Float) for the 2021-2022 school year was made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Paul Bravinder. Motion was carried unanimously.

III. New Position: Full Time HR/Executive/Business Assistant

A motion to add a new position for a full-time HR/Executive/Business Office Assistant was made by Paul Bravinder and seconded by Julie Pennertz. Motion was carried unanimously.

XIV. Covid-19 Mitigation Decision-Making Matrix

A motion to approve the COVID-19 Mitigation Decision-Making Matrix with changes of excluding the language referencing close contacts as a transmission indicator was made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Julie Pennertz. Motion was carried unanimously.

XV. Future Committee Meetings

A. Meet & Confer - October 12, 2021 at 4:30 PM

XVI. Future Board Meetings

A. October 26, 2021, 6:30 PM, Wings Alternative Program, 1326 East Ripley Street, Litchfield MN 55355

B. November 23, 2021, 6:30 PM, Location TBD

C. December 21, 2021, 6:30 PM, Location (TBD)

D. January 25, 2022, 6:30 PM, Location (TBD)

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Melissa Hanson, Executive Secretary

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