



MEEKER & WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes - *Official*

PRESENT: Amy Johnson, Brady Anderson, Colleen Carlson, Katie Koch, Julie Rae Pennertz, Melissa Muehring-Paulson, Cindy Miller
ABSENT: Colleen Carlson, Jessica Johnson
OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Hanson, Scott LeSage, Emily Schneider

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Koch and seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

B. Financial Affairs

1. Monthly Board Summary

i) Detail Reports

(a) Fund Summary

(b) Check Register Details

(c) Reimbursements

C. Personnel Items

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Katie Koch and seconded by Brady Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Director Report

Melissa Hanson reported on cooperative finance items, highlighting the work on development of Summer service contracts, At-Will contracts, and upcoming MSEA negotiations. She provided program updates including the recent STEP



Graduation that took place on May 20th to honor 10 STEP graduates this year as well as an update on the status of the Maple Lake Recovery Center staffing shortage which continues to impact their operations, resulting in no students attending the Westside Alternative Program. Staffing for 2022 summer services has been completed with focused efforts continuing on staffing for the 2022-23 school year. A number of positions for the upcoming school year have been successfully filled with exceptional candidates. MAWSECO continues to have multiple open positions including a school psychologist, SLP, several program teacher and para positions, Alternative Site Specialist, and a Coordinator. Preparations are taking place for the Spring Inservice planned for June 8th. Finally, a report to the board was made on COVID-19-related mask requirements and shifts to online learning for which there were none this month.

B. Business Manager Report

Scott LeSage updated the board on several items. The business office is currently working on year end items. MAWSECO's new accountant started on Monday. The start of negotiations for MSEA and At-Will staff are coming up in June. Scott updated the board on the sam.gov issue with updating our information and hope the issue and update will happen soon. He mentioned that we are continuing to explore and review the best ways to utilize/spend CARES Act dollars.

VI. Action Items

- A. Fiscal Year (FY) 22 Revised Budget [First Reading]

- B. Fiscal Year (FY) 23 Preliminary Budget [First Reading]

- C. 2022-23 MAWSECO Calendars
 - i) MAWSECO District Calendar
 - ii) Cornerstones and Eastern Wright
 - iii) Sholund School for Girls
 - iv) Village Ranch Alternative Program
 - v) Wings and Westside
 - vi) Journeys, STEP, and TREK

A motion to approve the MAWSECO Calendars was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Cindy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.



D. 2022 Summer Services

A motion to approve the 2022 Summer Services listing was made by Cindy Miller and seconded by Julie Rae Pennertz. Motion carried unanimously.

E. 2022-23 Staffing Recommendation

1. Additional 0.60 FTE Behavior Analyst

A motion to approve the addition of 0.60 FTE Behavior Analyst for the 2022-23 school year was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Katie Koch. Motion carried.

VII. Future Board Meetings

- A. June 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m., MSEA Negotiations Committee, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- B. June 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Village Ranch Alternative Program, Cokato
- C. July 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- D. August 23, 2022 6:30 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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