



MEEKER & WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - *Official*

PRESENT: Jessica Johnson, Katie Koch, Colleen Carlson, Amy Johnson, Julie Rae Pennertz, Cindy Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Hanson, Heidi Hennen, Emily Schneider, Lindsey Pellaton, Kari Peterson, Angie Lauderbaugh

ABSENT: Gena Jacobson

I. Call to Order:

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Koch and seconded by Colleen Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda:

A motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the previous meeting, financial affairs, and personnel items was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Informational Items

Lindsey Pellaton (Special Education Coordinator serving Annandale), Angie Lauderbaugh (Special Education Coordinator serving Delano), and Kari Peterson (Assistant Director of Special Education serving Maple Lake) gave an overview of the MAWSECO services they provide through their Coordinator and Assistant Director Roles. Some of the services they provide member districts include: support with curriculum; support for special education staff, business managers, superintendents, human resources, administrators; support teachers working with students who have various behaviors; professional development; identify staffing/position needs; procedural and other guidance.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

- The central office is utilizing Frontline more for forms and processes.



- An employee landing page has been created for employees to find everything they need quickly and easily.
- Employee mentorship is being offered to all new staff.
- We're working to fill open positions: paras, teachers, long-term sub, student support specialist
- Due to staffing shortages, Trek and Journeys programs are unable to take any new referrals.
- MAWSECO will provide support to member districts in the areas of: special education evaluation and interventions for reading and implementation planning and support for MTSS through the additional 1.0 school psychology position.

B. Director of Business Services Report

- ESY and Transition billing have been finalized
- Purchase service billing is finalized and district payments are being made
- Audit prep continues
- Lease levy validations were completed with all districts
- Open enrollment is finishing up
- The changeover to WEX for HSA and FSA accounts is almost complete
- Transition of office staff is going beautifully

C. Site Administrator Reports

1. Journeys, Step, Trek, and Wings
2. Sholund and Village Ranch Alternative Program
3. Cornerstones and Eastern Wright

VII. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Policy Review [First Reading]

Policies 102, 210, 406, 415, 416, 418, 431, and 501 were presented for a first reading.

2. Ratification of the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement with MSEA-MAWSECO

A motion to approve the 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement with MSEA-MAWSECO was made by Colleen Carlson and seconded by Katie Koch. Motion carried unanimously.



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3. Resolution Accepting Donations

A donation from the Cokato-Dassel Lions club was received. A motion to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations was made by Julie Rae Pennertz and seconded by Cindy Miller.

Roll Call Vote:

Colleen Carlson - Aye, Cindy Miller - Aye, Amy Johnson - Aye, Jessica Johnson - Aye, Katie Koch - Aye, Julie Rae Pennertz - Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Future Board Meetings

- A. October 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m. MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- B. November 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m. MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake
- C. December 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m. MAWSECO Education Center, Howard Lake

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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