

MNIC ELA Campus
300 Industrial Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Approved Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, March 17 2011

4:00 PM

Held at 1313 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN (UTEC Site – B5)

Membership: Ali Egaale, Nicole Harris, Kim White, Gertrude Hoskins, Kristin Quinn, Kathy Reamer, Oliver White, Reggie Womack (Board Chair)

Ex officio: Kevin Byrne (Executive Director), Chanda Baker and Katie Black (Sponsor Liaisons)

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair expectations for the meetings and time limits.

Mr. Womack called the meeting to order with quorum at 4:07 PM and gave instructions.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Nicole Harris, Gertrude Hoskins, Kristin Quinn, Kathy Reamer, Oliver White, and Reggie Womack; Absent: Ali Egaale, Kimberly White

Others Present: Kevin Byrne (Director), Stephen Bosacker (Designs for Learning)

Items distributed at the meeting include: Agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Add to agenda in Finance & Budget:

Prom Funding Update

Approve January Financials

Accept Donations

Ms. Reamer moved to approve the agenda with changes. Ms. Quinn seconded. Passed.

III. REVIEW BOARD MINUTES FROM 1-20-11 and 2-17-11

A. January 20, 2011

Modified item V., F. to refer only to the SHIP Grant without reference to a contract.

B. February 17, 2011

No changes to February minutes.

Ms. Reamer moved to accept January and February minutes, with modification to the January minutes. Ms. Hoskins seconded. Passed.

IV. SIG GRANT II INFORMATION FROM THE STATE

Mr. Byrne reported the announcement of the new SIG grants for this year. The letter requires all PLAS schools to comply with or without SIG funds. The Letter of Intent is due March 22nd. Last year HSRA and Rochester Off-Campus schools were exempted from PLAS. MNIC leaders are exploring this option because of the nature of the MNIC student population and program, which is very similar to the exempted schools. A high percentage of MNIC students are 18 years or older, but enroll with insufficient credits to graduate the year they enroll. Any school with students arriving so far behind would never fulfill the State and Federal requirements for graduation. Mr. Byrne is seeking exemption from the PLAS category. **The Board agreed by consensus with these assessments and intention.**

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET (KATHY REAMER)

A. Finance Committee Report

The February financial statements are not ready for this meeting. No financial report was given.

B. Van Update (Kevin Byrne)

One van is ready and will be in use once insurance is applied. A second is being prepared. A third may be needed. The Special Ed van is being used for approved purposes. This new transportation plan helps ensure more students get to school. Mr. White is overseeing getting more students to school.

C. Prom Funding Update

Last week MNIC business partners promised \$650 towards the prom. This is in response to letters Mr. Byrne sent out to companies and partners. Thirty five girls took a bus and got their prom dresses. These students were very well behaved. Other money was raised from grocery bagging donations. The down payment is paid for the prom hall space and for food. Some parents are willing to help chaperone. Student ticket costs will help ensure the prom can happen next year.

D. Approve January Financials

Ms. Reamer moved to approve the January Financial Report given at the February Board meeting. Mr. White seconded. Passed.

E. Accept Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Cater donated \$410 for 2 busses for MNIC students to take a field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Ms. Jean Wohlrabe donated \$50 for art supplies for the Unity Site.

Ms. Betty Cater donated art supplies of a value between \$160 and \$170 for Unity.

Ms. Quinn moved to accept donations from Mr. & Mrs. Cater, Jean Wohlrabe and Betty Cater. Ms. Hoskins seconded. Passed. Letters of thanks will be sent to these people promptly.

VI. OUTREACH UPDATE (REGGIE WOMACK AND NICOLE HARRIS)

Ms. Harris reported that everyone is recruiting and making phone calls to students. Many students are returning to school. Address and phone change forms are being distributed to all students and filled out as quickly as possible. This will help solve the problems staff have been facing trying to stay in contact with students. MNIC staff will be recruiting students and bagging groceries at specific neighborhood grocery stores in April. MNIC has positive

relations with these establishments. These recruiting events helped build connections with programs and other organizations in the community.

VII. UPDATE ON ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

A. Bullying Policy (Version 6)

Mr. Byrne presented the final version of a bullying policy developed by students with staff and volunteer help. The policy as presented would apply to staff and students at MNIC. Witnesses of bullying will be responsible to confront the behavior. Mr. White raised the need to include age as a characteristic considered in bullying. Suggestion to call this "Bullying Policy" not "Harassment and Bullying Policy".

Mr. White moved to approve the policy with proposed changes. Nicole seconded. Passed.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Womack proposed the board meeting be held at Unity Campus next month. Board members concurred.

Ms. Quinn reported on the Family Night event held at Sabathani. One parent and some students attended. The next event is April 5th from 4 PM to 5 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be April 21, 2011, 4:00 PM at Unity Campus – Cafeteria

Ms. Reamer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Ms. Nicole seconded. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Submitted by Stephen Bosacker, Designs for Learning