

Schoolcraft Learning Community
School Board Meeting Minutes
05-20-03, Paris, 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Attendance

_X_Kent Nerburn _X_Ken Grantier _A_Kris Kolar
_X_Melanie Nelson _X_Hilary Phukan _A_Frank Moe
_X_Mark Shanfeld _X_Lisa Graefe

Staff Present: Shar Paquette, Scott Anderson, Rita Fauchald, Barb Houg, Gerry Hoyum

Guests: Clancy and Sabrina Erickson

Opening - Mark Shanfeld

Question/Comments - 5 minutes each - 30 minutes total: none made

Request to remove topic(s) from Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from April 15, 2003 meeting
2. Current Bills and Checks
3. PAC minutes from May 13, 2003

Hilary moved to accept the consent agenda, Lisa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Special Education Director Agreement - needs to be signed and entered by June 1st. Scott recommends that we contract with MACS special education services for the next year. Rita stated that we can pay for this with federal monies.

a. Mark Shanfeld moved we enter into this contract for a Special Ed. Director. Lisa Graefe seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2003-04 School Year Calendar

a. Lisa Graefe moved we accept the 2003-04 school calendar. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2003-04 Lunch Contract with CLV

a. will be brought to the next meeting - have not received a contract proposal as of yet.

4. Title 1 application - state extended the deadline for application submission to June 20th.

a. \$26,487 for Title 1 - full time assistant - along with a computer program to help analyze and track students and test scores.

b. Title 2 - staff training and development - maybe help to pay for ELOB

c. Title 5 - Innovative Programming - help to pay for Sue Liedl

d. Lisa Graefe moved that we apply for the available Title funding. Kent Nerburn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 2003-04 School budget - unofficially the lease aid will be kept where it is at 90%. We can't have a budget completely written in stone until we find out what the legislature is going to do.

a. Our fund balance looks good.

b. Will present a final budget for approval at the next meeting

6. Establish Miller/McDonald as school auditors

a. Mark Shanfeld moved that we accept Miller/McDonald as our school auditors of record; Hilary Phukan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Staff Letters of Intent

a. Lisa Graefe moved that we utilize these letters of intent to extend an initial "intent to hire" to the staff. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Discussion ensued. The board will have to approve contracts when they are made available. Motion carried unanimously.

8. By-laws amendments - Barb Houg

a. Hilary Phukan moved to accept the proposed by-laws amendments as previously published. Lisa Graefe seconded. Discussion ensued. Kent Nerburn suggested he would like to see a term limit of two years. Mark Shanfeld agreed to the concept - but thought maybe three terms. Ken Grantier suggested by decreasing the term limits, we would be taking the power away from the voters.

i. Kent Nerburn moved to amend the original motion so that 1.3 would read...but are eligible for re-election for up to three consecutive terms. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. In an attempt to align the election process, there will be one one-year term for the next two elections. This is not an outright violation of article 1.3, as it is the intent, once aligned, to have each elected board member serve a two year term.

iii. All Steve Young's suggested changes to the proposed by-laws were made

iv. Ken Grantier moved that 3.5 be changed to say that a board member must be present, hear the motion, and be present for the discussion in order to vote on a motion. Lisa Graefe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- v. Call to question on the motion as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Voting on the change in the Articles of Incorporation
 - a. Membership - we need to take out of our articles that we are a membership organization.
 - i. Melanie Nelson moved that we make the above change. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Certify board election - Kent/Ken
 - a. Lisa Graefe received top votes - from the community ballot
 - b. Jim 163, Gerry and Greg with 159, Hilary with 158 votes.
 - c. Who serves the 1 year term? Flipped a coin...Gerry Hoyum called it. Gerry Hoyum serves the two year term...Greg Moen gets the one year term.
 - d. Melanie Nelson moved to certify the board election results. Hilary Phukan seconded. Motion carried. Lisa Graefe abstained.
- 11. Board officers
 - a. Chair -
 - i. Mark Shanfeld nominated Lisa Graefe
 - 1. Lisa Graefe withdraws her nomination at this time.
 - ii. Lisa Graefe nominated Frank Moe
 - iii. Kent Nerburn nominated Kris Kolar
 - iv. Melanie Nelson nominated Ken Grantier
 - v. Discussion ensued -
 - vi. Ballots were cast - Kris 2, Ken 2, Frank 1; runoff ballot cast - Kris 4, Ken 1. If Kris declines this position, we will need to hold a special election for chair position with the current board members.
 - 1. Lisa Graefe moved that we install Kris Kolar as board chair. Melanie Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Boards Records Officer -
 - i. Mark Shanfeld nominated Kent Nerburn - Kent declined.
 - ii. Melanie Nelson nominated Lisa Graefe
 - iii. Lisa - yes 5, Lisa Graefe abstained.
 - 1. Melanie Nelson moved, Hilary Phukan seconded to install Lisa Graefe as Board Records officer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12. Summer board meeting changes/dates/times
 - a. Will be held the next three months at OAK Hall at BSU, 6:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. There may be time changes, but the community will be notified of changes.
- 13. Rita...out-servicing to Voyageurs
 - a. Vicki Ross-Rhoades letter
 - b. David Den Hartog letter from Voyageurs High School
 - c. We would receive \$5,000 payment for Rita's services 1 day per week from Voyageurs. This could help pay for an additional part time person for further support.
 - d. Scott doesn't think we are ready to make this move - cautious of the ripple effect.
 - e. Kent Nerburn introduced that he is no longer affiliated with Trek North. Kent also agrees with Scott - it is an intriguing idea, but not as an out-sourcing. Kent would like Rita to have an independent contract with each entity.
 - f. Lisa Graefe asked how it would impact SLC with Rita here one day less per week.
 - g. Kent Nerburn moved that we do not approve the cooperative agreement with Voyageurs for the use of Rita's business expertise. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Discussion ensued.
 - i. Melanie Nelson reminded us that we voted that SLC remain very neutral. She is concerned that Voyageurs has been using upstairs Paris for meetings.
 - ii. Ken Grantier also stated that he is no longer associated with Trek North. He is concerned that on both websites there are linkages related to SLC. He asked the Trek North board to withdraw any reference to SLC from their documentation. He asked the board to send the same message to Voyageurs.
 - iii. Mark Shanfeld stated that it is the need to have Rita here 5 days per week which should drive the decision. It has nothing to do with the other two schools.
 - iv. Hilary Phukan stated that even if Rita did it on her own time, it will still be perceived that it is an SLC decision.
 - v. Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Ken Granter moved that we write a letter stating our neutrality and support, but asking both charter high schools to refrain from using any reference to SLC in their publicity and websites. Hilary Phukan seconded. Yes - 2; No - 4; Scott will visit with the groups.
- 14. FLAP Grant - Lisa Graefe - 3 year grant (Foreign Language Assistance Program) - very competitive grant. Lisa is still investigating whether we should apply for this. We do need to work on the French program. The due date is June 13th. She needs board approval to pursue this grant
 - a. Melanie Nelson asked if the program would be the same as we've had...Lisa Graefe stated that there would not be the same specifications.
 - b. Melanie Nelson moved that the board support Lisa's pursuing of this grant contingent upon discussion with the staff. Hilary Phukan seconded. Clancy Erickson questioned the accountability practices in the current French

program, so that whether or not we go for the grant, this should be addressed. Motion carried. Ken Grantier abstained.

15. Perpich Grant - Scott presented Karen Bradley's wish to pursue the enclosed grant outline. Lisa Graefe moved to approve the pursuing of this grant. Ken Grantier seconded. Discussion ensued...how does it fit into the overall arts/music program. Motion carried. Melanie Nelson abstained.

Old Business

1. Waiver letter and materials - Scott stated that in discussion with Andrea Coffey - she states that the waiver is basically a given...she is impressed with the amount of time/effort/documentation put forth on this issue. Sabrina Erickson asked if we could strike "PAC", and substitute "parents" into the explanation of the method and evaluation.

a. Mark Shanfeld moved that we accept the waiver letter as presented and modified, along with the documentation for submission to CFL. Lisa Graefe seconded. (All the parent letters are included.) Motion carried unanimously.

2. ELOB contract for 2003-04 - the final contract will be presented at the June meeting. Scott recommends that we continue with ELOB - but maybe model it to meet our needs specifically. We are currently looking at approx. \$20,000 in the 2003-04 budget.

a. Ken Grantier further explained the rationale behind what we have budgeted for ELOB.

b. Discussion ensued - will address next meeting.

3. Review status of policies - Barb

a. Recommends that we use the "working" policies as guidelines, and post them on the website for input. We may get a grant to help further develop our policies.

Committee Reports

1. Finance - Rita/Ken - no additional information.

Special Presentation - Scott - presented Melanie, Mark and Hilary with a card and potted plant for their wonderful service on the board. You will be missed. Barb presented them with a CD.

Closed session

1. Litigation Update - permitted by attorney client privilege

2. Student Health Data - permitted as non-public information

Ken Grantier moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette