

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
Governing Board Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
1:00 p.m.

John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School, Easley Education Center
405 S. Gladstone Ave.
Aurora, Illinois 60506-4892

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Dr. Eagle
2. Roll Call
Members Present: Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Hichens, Brent Raby for Dr. Craig
3. Public comments
None
4. Executive Session
Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Popp to enter into executive session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public.
Ayes: (5) Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Raby, Hichens
Nays: (0)
Return to Open Session at 1:09 p.m.

Open Session
1. Members Present: Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Hichens, Brent Raby for Dr. Craig
2. Consent Agenda
Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Raby to approve the consent agenda as presented.
 - 2.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2016
 - 2.1 Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 5, 2016
 - 2.2 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016
 - 2.3 Approval of December, January, February Bill ListingsAyes: (5) Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Raby, Hichens
Nays: (0)

3. Action Items

3.1 Approval of Staffing for FY17 Middle School and Elementary positions

It was recommended to approve Nancy Hebert from West Aurora School District for the 4 year elementary position and Joseph Matuch for the 4 year middle school position.

Moved by Popp and seconded by Sullivan to approve Nancy Hebert.

Ayes: (5) Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Raby, Hichens

Nays: (0)

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Popp to approve Joseph Matuch.

Ayes: (5) Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Raby, Hichens

Nays: (0)

3.2 Approval of FY17 Budget for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

District CFOs met with Sharon Maxwell, Assistant Vice President/Controller for Aurora University. CFOs provided input for the FY2017 budget which was distributed. The budget is relatively stable, but it was noted that technology costs are going down. There should be a refund of some of the contingency that will be applied for FY17 costs. The recommendation was to approve the budget as proposed in the handout.

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Popp to approve the budget for FY17 as proposed.

Ayes: (5) Sullivan, Popp, Eagle, Raby, Hichens

Nays: (0)

4. Information/Presentations/Discussion

4.1 John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School Report - Arin Carter

Director Carter provided an update for the Board which included the Energy Fair, the parent meeting for potential students, the units of study for the students, co-curricular activities, field trips, PARCC testing, staff professional development, and other upcoming special events. It was also reported that the evaluator met with teacher parent, student, and faculty groups. The evaluator is also collecting samples of student work.

4.2 IASB Proposal for the November School Board Meeting

Dr. Eagle has submitted a proposal for a group to present at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

4.3 Dunham Fund Professional Development Program for Educators

The Dunham fund is interested in supporting PD for educators. The board discussed whether the preferred format would be to train six teachers per district per year over ten years or set the maximum to 18 teachers per district per year. The grant would pay tuition costs (graduate study), coordination, supplies, and classroom support with partners. Teachers would make a one-year commitment by taking a summer course, fall course, and support through the end of the year. The consensus of the board was that 18 teachers per year would be preferred. If the grant is approved, the first cohort could begin in June 2017.

4.4 ESP Energizing Student Potential- Exelon Foundation, Com Ed, Nicor, BP, People's Gas, North Shore Gas

Dr. Eagle distributed applications for "Energizing Student Potential" grants. Individual schools can apply.

4.5 Physical Education staffing for the 2016-17 school year

At the direction of the board, Arin Carter met with a district CAO to review the schedule for the 2016-17 school year in order to make a recommendation for physical education staffing. It is their recommendation that the physical education instructor should be hired at 0.8 FTE and must have a health endorsement. Arin will send an internal posting document for all districts to post internally, and the university will post externally. By April 30th, districts will notify Arin if there is any interest.

5. Adjourn

Moved by Popp and seconded by Sullivan to adjourn.

Voice vote

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Hichens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Lisa Hichens
Governing Board Secretary
John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School