Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe Public School Academy Board of Directors Regular Meeting Tuesday February 14, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Castro at 5:30 p.m.

B. OPENING

Opening by Dr. Gordon.

C. CULTURAL REFLECTION

Cultural reflection by Secretary Carr.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

E. MISSION

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, in cooperation with parents and community provides an educational program that develops each student's individual abilities. We are committed to providing educational excellence through rigorous and relevant programs within a safe, nurturing, and culturally rich environment with specific emphasis on the Anishinaabe traditions and language.

F. ROLL CALL

Castro – present; Carr – present; Eidenier – absent; Pavlat – present. Motion by Castro and supported by Carr to excuse Eidenier from the meeting

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Castro and supported by Carr to approve the agenda with the following change: Remove item M8 New Hire Teacher.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

H. PRESENTATIONS

Donna Kozma - MAP Presentation -

Donna Kozma presented the 2021-22 and the 2022-2023 MAP Student Performance Bottom 30% Percentile/Gap Change by Grade/Subject Current Status report. Donna also presented and discussed the 2022-23 Focus School Summary Report for K-8th grade. The last report was the Winter 2023 NWEA MAP Ethnicity Analysis report. This report is comparing native to non-native students, these are the only two ethnicities that are broad enough that we can ensure that the low numbers of another ethnicity might identify a student.

Donna explained that the goal is to see students moving out of the low and the low average range and move up to the normal and high ranges. We can look at ethnicity and how they cluster more toward the average or higher percentiles.

I. COMMUNICATIONS & CORREPSONDENCE

J. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Superintendent's Update
- 2. Superintendent General Administration Department Updates
- 3. Enrollment Update

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Legislative Update
- 2. NMU Charter School Office Report Bill Pistulka discussed that Northern is bringing back the Young Wildcat Scholars program this year. This has been canceled the past few years due to the pandemic. It is a 6th grade on campus experience for two and a half days at NMU. Students get an opportunity to stay in the dorms, experience classes, and life on campus. It is scheduled for May 17-19 Bill also discussed the School Board Leader Workshop April 23rd and 24th. The keynote person is author Ken Williams about what we need to do to make an equitable experience for all our students. Discussed upcoming book study that staff and Board members are participating in. Bill said the next webinar is January 28th at 6:00 p.m. Lastly, Bill said they are in the process of hiring a new Board member. We have four candidates for the open position, and will schedule interviews for March 7th. One candidate has to conflict of interest due to having a relative employed at JKL and will not be considered.
- 3. Personnel Update
- 4. NWEA Goal Reporting 98b

L. FINANCIAL UPDATE

- 1. Financial Monthly Report
- 2. Financial Update for Fiduciary
 Becky Aldrich gave the financial update for January 2023. Discussed the auditor agreement that will expire June 30th and that she will be doing an RFP soon to see if there are other firms interested.
- 3. Dr. Kallstrom congratulated to Becky Aldrich, JKL's Director of Business & Finance for an excellent audit in regard to ESSER funds, with zero findings.

M. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Pavlat and supported by Carr to approve the January 2023 expenditures in the amount of \$1,075,178.72.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Pavlat to approve the amended pay range for Math Coach to reflect a pay range beginning at \$51,353 and ending at \$81,171.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavlat and supported by Carr for the Acceptance of Amazon Donation for STEM Students from Amazon (partnering with the Department of the Defense) for gift cards for STEM students for a total amount of \$1,300.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carr and supported by Pavlat to approve the revised Superintendent Job Description.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavlat and supported by Carr to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board members discussed winter break not aligning with other areas schools. Bill Pistulka commented that school districts try to keep the main breaks consistent, but due to bargaining agreements not all breaks align completely.

Motion by Carr and supported by Pavlat for approval of new hire Elise Keith for SPED Paraprofessional upon acceptable background check.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Pavlat and supported by Carr for approval of new hire Jacob Thomann for teacher position effective immediately.

Ayes: Castro, Carr, Pavlat

Nays: None. Motion carried.

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

O. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Jacob Jacques was in attendance and gave thanks to Theresa for helping him resolve some issues he was having with his student's classroom. He appreciates that she was so helpful and hopes with the new Superintendent search the Board will find someone to fill her shoes.
- 2. Dr. Kallstrom talked about attending the Fiduciary meeting scheduled for tomorrow to request funding for activities and events. One item is the support



bus program that is being proposed, and she thanked Jim Killips for his interested and said he has been instrumental in this proposal.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by President Castro.

School Board President

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