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Director

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 15, 2021

Members Present: Mr. Justin Anderson, Ms. Deb Faralli, Mr. Kevin Rossmiller, Ms. Amber Sensibaugh, and Ms. Tammy Muerhoff (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Mr. Tab Balmer, Ms. Liz Bornhoeft, Ms. Cassandra Cleveland, Mr. Nathan Faith, Ms. Eva Gonzalez, Ms. Sue Ickes, Mr. Aaron Kayser, Mr. Gary Rowe, Ms. Amber Wirt, Ms. and Ms. Julie Wittenauer

BHASSED Staff: Ms. Christan Schrader, Ms. Dawn Swanson, and Ms. Terri Sinde

GUEST: Dr. Terri VanDeWiele, Chairperson of the Superintendents Advisory Committee

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Christan Schrader called the Governing Board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. via Zoom online meeting. Roll call was taken.

2. **Consent Calendar:** Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to approve consent calendar items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

2.1 Approval of minutes from May 18, 2021 meeting

2.2 Approval of expenditures, May 2021

2.3 Approval of personnel recommendations

Recommendations for hire:

- Jenna Francis, Paraprofessional, Black Hawk Area Education Center
Pay Rate: \$13.25/hr 180-day contract, effective August 2021
- Kathleen Denton, Paraprofessional, Black Hawk Area Education Center
Pay Rate: \$13.00/hr 180-day contract, effective August 2021
- Caroline Slusser, Paraprofessional, Black Hawk Area Education Center
Pay Rate: \$15.75/hr 180-day contract, effective August 2021
- Savannah Griffin, Paraprofessional, Black Hawk Area Education Center
Pay Rate: \$ 13.75/hr 180-day contract, effective August 2021
- Lea Spitznagle, Speech Pathologist
MS +30 Step 3, 180-day contract

Acceptance of resignations:

- Alyssa McGray, Paraprofessional, Effective: 5/28/2021
- Kristin Buldak, Paraprofessional, Effective: 5/28/2021

3. **Board Finance Department and Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Swanson provided information on the district's financials through May 31, 2021. Ms. Swanson reported on the IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE), reducing incoming phone lines, FEMA claim update, and the FY21.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to accept the finance and treasurer's report. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

4. **Director's Report**

4.1 **Election of Governing Board Officers**

Ms. Amber Sensibaugh nominated Mr. Gary Rowe as the Governing Board President for a second term. Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Gary Rowe as the Governing Board President, and Mr. Kevin Rossmiller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The preliminary budget will be placed on public display.

Mr. Justin Anderson nominated Ms. Amber Sensabaugh as the Governing Board Vice President for a second term. Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to approve the nomination of Ms. Amber Sensabaugh as the Governing Board Vice President. Ms. Deb Faralli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

4.2 Presentation of the FY22 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Schrader presented the preliminary FY22 budget.

Ms. Amber Sensabaugh made a motion to approve the preliminary budget. Mr. Justin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The preliminary budget will be placed on public display.

5. Executive Session

Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to enter into executive session. Ms. Amber Sensabaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The Governing Board entered into executive session at 6:17 p.m. The Governing Board returned to Open Session at 6:32 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Mr. Justin Anderson made a motion to approve FMLA leave for employees "L" and "M". Mr. Kevin Rossmiller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to approve Ms. Jennifer Fordyce as the Associate Administrator of the Black Hawk Area Education Center. Ms. Amber Sensabaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Black Hawk Area Education Association for a three-year term. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller presented a resolution to modify the hours of the paraprofessionals at the Phoenix program from 6.5 hours per day to 6 hours per day. The paraprofessionals affected are: Ms. Jenifer Kelty, Ms. Kaitlyn Mayes, Ms. Cecelia Mitchell, Mr. John Nelson, Mr. Randy Newburg, Ms. Stephanie Olvera, Ms. Connie Ross, and Ms. Krista Stevenson. Ms. Amber Sensabaugh made a motion the paraprofessionals hours at the Phoenix program to 6 hours per day. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Justin Anderson made a motion to approve salary increases for BHASED administrative staff and employees not covered by the CBA. Mr. Kevin Rossmiller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller presented a resolution to terminate the current contract for the BHASED Director on June 30, 2021. Mr. Justin Anderson made a motion to terminate the current contract for the BHASED Director effective June 30, 2021. Ms. Deb Faralli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller presented a resolution to replace BHASED Director's current contract with a 4-year performance-based contract beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Ms. Amber Sensabaugh made a motion to replace the Director's current contract with a 4-year performance-based contract beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

6. Freedom of Information Requests: There were no FOIA requests.

7. Forum/Other Matters:

Ms. Schrader updated the Board on the recent graduation of three Phoenix students, and six Phoenix students were promoted to 9th grade. Ms. Schrader also noted that Skiles Driving School went above and beyond helping one of our students obtain their driver's license. Skiles donated their time and use of the driver's education car for the student, at no cost to the family.

The Center's nursing staff, America Bunker and Kelly Hoppman were awarded the Excellence in Education Award for all of their efforts this school year by keeping our students and staff as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. BHAEC will be starting the 2021-2022 school year with 145 students. Ms. Schrader also updated the Board that the Center has 4 Paraprofessionals who have been

accepted into the Masters of Arts in teaching at Western Illinois University, an alternative teacher licensure program.

8. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Justin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. Gary Rowe, President

Ms. Terri Sinda, Secretary