

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
2:00 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 2:04 p.m. by Dr. Eagle.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Craig, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Eagle, Dr. Hichens

Absent: Dr. McDonald/Hoyda

3. Public Comments

None

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016

4.2. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2016

4.3. Approval of June bill listing

Moved by Sullivan seconded by Craig to approve Agenda items 4.2 and 4.3

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

Motion by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to approve Agenda item 4.1 with the suggested edit to include the absent members on the meeting minutes.

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

5. Action Items

5.1. Approval of continuing employment of Art, Music, Special Education/RTI Instructors

Background information was shared for three staff members in art, music, and special education. The art and music positions remain at 0.3 FTE, and the special education position is increasing to 0.5 FTE. The increase of 0.2 FTE in special education is offset by a 0.2 FTE decrease in advanced mathematics.

Motion to approve the following staff members by Sullivan and seconded by Craig

Linda Ball, 0.3 FTE Art

Margaret Papadolias, 0.3 FTE Music

Jamie Cali, 0.5 FTE Special Education

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

5.2. Approval of donation expenditures

The Board agreed that the JCDSPS will plan to use approximately 50% of undesignated donated funds for prioritized expenditures and reserve the remainder. Director Carter distributed a prioritized list of technology needs which reflects a focus on coding and CAD. Training costs for CAD will be shared between JCDSPS and AU. One faculty member from each school will be trained with the expectation that they will train their colleagues. Carter will determine if there are more cost effective ways to partner with District staff to receive the training.

The expenses on the prioritized list total \$9,686.19. The amount of undesignated donations was \$18,300.00.

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to accept the prioritized list of donation expenditures.

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

5.3. Election of officers

The slate of recommended officers for the JCDSPS Governing Board is:

President: Dr. Eagle

Vice President: Dr. Sullivan

Secretary: Dr. Craig

Moved by Eagle seconded by Sullivan to accept the slate of officers

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

6. Information/Presentations/Discussion

6.1. Evaluation Report for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

At the last July Governing Board Meeting, Dr. Elizabeth Oyer presented a draft of the evaluation report for the 2015-16 school year. Dr. Oyer asked for feedback from the Board about the report, which is aligned to the logic model's short term and long term goals. The Board came to a consensus to update the logic model for next year. The Board would like to see what the report looks like if it is organized by key stakeholders rather than by the logic model. The Governing Board also asked for a focus on high school performance of JCDSPS graduates, returning teacher impact to the school district, and one or two data points that are compared to school district data points. It was also suggested that the JCDSPS look to the communications staff to assist with telling the story of the school's success.

Dr. Eagle will work with Dr. Oyer to finalize the report. The finished report will be shared with District Boards of Education by the superintendents in early September. Dr. Eagle will share with the AU Board, and the evaluation will be posted on the website by mid-September.

6.2. John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School Report: Arin Carter

Arin Carter and teacher leader Allison Kapitanoff presented at the National Science Teachers Association's STEM Forum. The presentation was well attended and it increased awareness about JCDSPS. Information was shared about the extracurricular offerings for the 16-17 school year which will include a competitive robotics team, a chess club, two competitive math clubs, and two coding clubs. Carter reviewed upcoming events at the JCDSPS, and she previewed a new format for the teacher-partner meetings.

AU received a grant for "Creating a Better Democracy through Ethical Decision-Making. AU's Institute for Collaboration will create and teach a two-year pilot program.

6.2.1. Update on School Improvement Plan 2015-16

Carter distributed the Executive Summary of 2015-16 SIP goals.

6.2.2. Status of new School Improvement Plan 2016-17

Carter will work with faculty next week on creating the plan for 2016-17.

6.2.3. Opening Day August 17, 2016

6.3. Triple I Conference Presentation and Panel Members

Dr. Eagle will bring the panel together to prepare for the presentation scheduled for Saturday morning of the Triple I Conference.

6.4. Dunham Fund Professional Development Program for Educators

Dr. Patel will work with a design team to develop two courses.

7. Adjourn to Executive Session

7.1. 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 body to determine its validity.

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to adjourn to closed session at 3:07

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

8. Return to Open Session at 3:37 p.m.

8.1. Roll Call

Eagle, Sullivan, Craig, Hichens

9. Action on Executive Session

9.1. Evaluator's Contract for 2016-17

The vote was tabled.

10. Adjourn

Moved by Craig seconded by Sullivan to adjourn at 3:39 p.m.

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)



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