

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

Monday, February 29, 2016
1:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:02

Members Present: Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens, Sarah Waddell
for Dr. Popp

2. Discussion

2.1 Proposal from Aurora University and the Dunham Fund –
Dr. Eagle met with the Dunham fund about potentially financing
teacher professional development in STEM in order to support STEM
education in the home districts. The Logic Model (2013-2023) and
curricular frameworks all require and include strategies for teacher
development. Dr. Eagle shared a draft professional development plan
which with the Board. Dunham fund is willing to support for a 10 year
period which would have a great impact on the number of teachers

The plan would allow for six teachers from each district to join a year-
long cohort and have the cost of the coursework covered by the grant.
The goal is to increase the knowledge and skills of the teachers in a
cohort model with the support of AU Faculty, corporate and non-profit
partners. Building content knowledge rather than developing
curriculum to bring back to the districts is key.

The university will also commit funds for supporting the design of the
courses. Next steps would be to draft the proposal, and send to
member districts for feedback.

- 2.2 Interview process for candidates from East and West Aurora for the Fiscal Year 2017 teaching positions- There are interested candidates from both districts for the two vacancies. The recommended team will include Arin Carter, representatives from the districts, and STEM teachers.
- 2.3 Staffing for 2016-17 school year- Three teachers are leaving the STEM school and two of the jobs are posted. The third vacancy was the PE instructor. Arin shared the scheduling parameters with the Curriculum and Instruction administrators from the District. Arin is recommending a .8 PE instructor. Next step is for the curriculum administrators to meet with Arin to review the scheduling constraints. The position will be posted after consensus from that group. The position will be posted for no more than .8 FTE.

3. Adjourn

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to adjourn at 1:48.

Voice vote

Ayes (5)

Nays (0)