

**MINUTES FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOR
THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
February 3, 2015**

**John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School
Easley Education Center
405 S. Gladstone Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506
Meeting started at 1:03 p.m.**

- I. Meeting – 1:03 p.m.
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Mike Popp, Dr. Jeff Craig, Dr. Sherry Eagle, Dr. Karen Sullivan
Also Present: Ms. Christine Crouch, Dr. Sharon Miller, Dr. Gina Rahn, Dr. Ed Howerton,
Dr. Debra Broman, Dr. Chetna Patel, Dr. David Eisenger, and Ms. Sharon Maxwell and
two parents

- c. Recess/Reconvene

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Popp that the Board move 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 body to determine its validity.

Roll Call Vote: Yes—Dr. Popp, Dr. Craig, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Eagle
Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 1:05.

- II. Executive Session – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
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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.

- b. Recess/Reconvene

It was moved by Dr. Eagle and seconded by Dr. Craig that the Governing Board
recess back to the Regular Session for the purpose of conducting Governing Board
business.

The meeting was recessed at 1:34 p.m.

III. Regular Meeting – Open Session

a. Call to Order

Dr. Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

b. Roll Call

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

Also present: Ms. Christine Crouch, Dr. Sharon Miller, Dr. Gina Rahn, Dr. Ed Howerton, Dr. Debra Broman, Dr. Chetna Patel, Dr. David Eisenger, and Ms. Sharon Maxwell and two parents

c. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

d. Approval of Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Regular Session and Minutes of the Executive Session of December 10, 2014

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Popp that the Board approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Governing Board Meeting and Minutes of the Executive Session of December 10, 2014.

Motion carried.

e. School Report—Discussion

Various AU faculty provided updates on the school. Ed Howerton and Dr. Gina Rahn addressed assessment. Dr. Sharon Miller updated the Board on curriculum. Dr. Chetna Patel discussed upcoming conferences and after school and summer programming. Dr. Debra Broman discussed the introduction of the response to intervention approach. Other topics discussed included the need for curriculum review and evaluation, the formal program evaluation that will be completed by an outside entity, and teacher professional development.

f. Personnel

Approval of IT Support for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

It was moved by Dr. Craig motion and seconded by Dr. Popp that we approve Rafael Morales and Mathew Mayne for Technology Support Specialists positions.

Roll Call: Yes—Dr. Popp, Dr. Eagle, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Craig

Motion carried.

g. Budget Process for Development of FY 16 School Budget—Discussion

Dr. Eagle introduced Dr. David Eisneger, AU's new Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Sharon Maxwell, Comptroller. Discussion on the budget process ensued.

There are numerous details to work out including the enrollment timeline and process, staffing needs, etc. It was decided to have Christine Crouch coordinate a meeting between AU, district curriculum representatives and district HR representatives within the next few weeks.

h. Approval of New Partners for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

It was moved by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Eagle that the Executive Board approve Batavia School District 101 as a potential partner in the John C Dunham STEM School beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Dr. Eagle shared that the newspapers were reporting that Kaneland School Board voted not to become a partner in the school. Batavia still has an interest in becoming a partner. Discussion ensued about what the distribution of an additional 50 students would look like. Dr. Eagle presented a potential structure which added students at third, seventh, and eighth grades as an example only. Dr. Craig indicated that he would be voting no on this as he is looking for more opportunities for District 129 students as well as feeling that we need more information, data, etc. before we expand to other districts.

Roll Call: Yes: Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Popp, Dr. Eagle

No: Dr. Craig

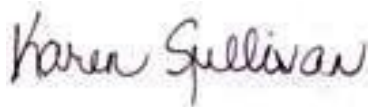
Motion carried.

i. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:09 p.m. by Jeff Craig with a second by Mike Popp.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Sullivan, Ed.D.
Governing Board Secretary
John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School