

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
FOR THE JOHN C DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL  
Governing Board Minutes  
Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm

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

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Hichens called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Sherrick, Dr. Hichens, Dr. Craig, Ms. Kincaid  
Also Present: Arin Carter, Chetna Patel, Ana Buenrostro  
Absent: Dr. Sullivan

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017
- 4.2 Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017
- 4.3 Approval of October, November and December 2017 Bill Listings
- 4.4 Destruction of executive session audio recordings from July 5, 2016 and earlier.

Dr. Sherrick motioned and Ms. Kincaid seconded to approve the consent agenda items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 & 4.4.

Ayes: (4) Sherrick, Kincaid, Craig & Hichens  
Nays: (0)

**5. Information/Presentation/ Discussion**

**6.1 John C Dunham STEM Partnership School Report**

**6.1.1 Chromebook Management**

Mrs. Carter shared with the Board that the Chromebook security feature is up and running. She also shared the price per student is under the approved cost of \$10 per student.

**6.1.2 Additional Extracurricular Spring 2018**

It was shared with the Board that the Art Club had a positive response from students. The school will be running a Python Coding club in the spring during lunch/recess time for 6 weeks. The school has also added National Junior Honor's Society (NJHS). Mrs. Carter also shared with the Board the dates for the Energy Fair, PAC meetings and completion ceremony for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **6.1.3 MTSS Plan Process**

Mrs. Carter is working to draw a formal MTSS plan for the school in the future. Districts offered to support this process.

#### **6.1.4 IEP Minutes**

A discussion held to determine how to bill additional minutes for students with IEPs. The 0.5 FTE position is for student intervention. Additional minutes for specific IEPs will be billed per district. Currently District 131 has no students with IEPs attending the school; District 204 also has no students with IEPs attending the school; District 129 has five students with IEPs attending the school; and District 101 has three students with IEPs attending the school.

#### **6.1.5 Upcoming Teacher Vacancies for 2018-19**

Mrs. Carter shared the teacher job postings for the upcoming vacancies. A discussion took place regarding teachers currently serving a four-year term and the ability of teachers to reapply for positions at the school. The original model had teachers returning to their district; however, there has not been a discussion about how teachers were going to be integrated back at their districts.

Ms. Kincaid shared that the teachers selected from her district have all come from the same middle school and are strong teachers. Her district will prioritize finding teachers from other schools so that the loss of the teacher to the STEM school is not a hardship on their home school.

Dr. Sherrick spoke about the changes from the original idea and that reapplying defeats the original model from the Aurora University perspective. She wants to stick with the original model and continue the commitment to the rotation model.

Dr. Craig shared his concern about the challenge for teachers once they are back at the district. He also had a concern about a large number of teachers leaving at the same time.

## **6. Adjourn**

Dr. Craig motioned and Dr. Sherrick seconded to adjourn.

Ayes: (4) Kincaid, Sherrick, Hichens & Craig

Nays: (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Ana K Buenrostro

Administrative Assistant to the Director

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