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

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
1:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order by President Eagle at 1:00 pm

2. Roll Call
Board Members present: Popp, Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens

3. Public Comments
None

4. Executive Session
Moved by Craig and seconded by Sullivan to enter into executive
session to discuss 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.

Ayes: (5) Popp, Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens
Nays: (0)

5. Adjourn Executive Session at 2:03

Open Session
Board Members present: Popp, Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens

1. Consent Agenda
Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2015
1.2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of October 6, 2015
1.3. Approval of September, October, November Bill Listings

Ayes: (5) Popp, Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens
Nays: (0)

2. Action Items

Sharon Maxwell, Assistant Vice President/Controller at Aurora University, explained how the agreed upon procedures were implemented utilizing the auditors. An audit of selected payroll and non-payroll transactions was completed. No exceptions were found and all were found to be appropriate. The transactions were matched with those presented to the governing board, and it was determined that all audited transactions were properly authorized and appropriate for the STEM Partnership School. There were no areas of concern.

Moved by Popp and seconded by Craig to approve the Independent Accountant’s Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.

Ayes: (5) Popp, Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens
Nays: (0)

3. Information/Presentations/Discussion
3.1. Director Update on 2015-16 Goals - Arin Carter
Carter updated the Board on progress toward her 2015-16 goals. She provided handouts that highlighted the STEM Partnership School Evaluation Framework, collaborative efforts among the stakeholder groups, and communication. Arin has applied and been accepted to the Doctoral Program at Aurora University.
Arin confirmed that the STEM Partnership School will follow the emergency closing protocol of Aurora West. If a district cancels but the West Aurora does not cancel, the STEM school will remain open.

3.2. Evaluation Framework Developed by Elizabeth Oyer
Arin updated the Board on the framework and there were no questions. Arin explained the PARCC score distribution plan.

3.3. Donations

3.3.1. Individual Donation
3.3.2. AT&T Donation
3.3.3. Schmidgall Donation for Coding Club
Sherry discussed the three donations. The CFOs will discuss a protocol for accepting and expending the donations at their next meeting.

3.4. Review of STEM Partnership School Model Goals
The University, partner districts, and community partners have been engaged in discussions for preschool through grade 2 STEM programming.

An Innovative Engineering Committee focused on inquired based summer learning opportunities for high school students after they leave the STEM partnership school has been established.

3.5. IASA/IASB/IASBO Joint Conference 2016 Presentation Opportunity
Sherry and Chris would be willing to write the proposal to present at the conference.

4. Adjourn

Moved by Popp and seconded by Sullivan to adjourn.
Voice vote
  Ayes: (5)
  Nays: (0)

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