

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

- 2.1. Approval of Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

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)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Hichens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Lisa Hichens

Governing Board Secretary

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