

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

Tuesday, July 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  
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Dr. Eagle
  
2. Roll Call  
Members Present: Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens  
Members Absent: East Aurora District #131
  
3. Public Comments  
None
  
4. Adjourn to Executive session  
Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to enter into executive session at 1:05 p.m. 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.  
Ayes: (4) Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Craig  
Nays: (0)
  
4. Return to Open Session at 1:19 p.m.  
Members present: Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens
  
5. Consent Agenda  
Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens  
Nays: (0)

- 5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016
- 5.2. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016
- 5.3. Approval of March, April, and May Bill Listings

6. Action Items

6.1. Approval of new staff

Moved by Craig and seconded by Sullivan to hire Jenna Parham for the 0.8 FTE Physical Education and Health position at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School.

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

6.2. Board of Directors Meeting dates for FY17

Moved by Sullivan and seconded by Craig to approve the Board of Directors Meeting dates for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School for:

- August 9, 2016 at 2:00
- November 8, 2016 at 1:00
- February 14, 2017 at 1:00
- May 9, 2017 at 1:00

Ayes: (4) Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)

7. Information/Presentations/Discussion

7.1. Evaluation Report for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

Dr. Elizabeth Oyer presented an overview of the evaluation report including recommendations for the John C. Dunham Stem Partnership School. Results show that students are more interested in STEM related careers and that teachers and students are growing in their content knowledge. Surveys, observations, content tests, and interviews were used as inputs.

Recommendations are related to structural issues and include the creation of a data dissemination plan, an articulated on-boarding process for key roles, and induction/transition plans. A copy of the evaluation will be distributed to the governing board, feedback will be solicited, a copy will be shared with each school board in August, and then the report will be made public in late August/early September. The Curriculum and Instruction

leaders will be brought into the conversation to determine if the evaluation model provides the information that is needed to answer questions related to the success of the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School.

7.2. John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School Report: Arin Carter

7.2.1. Update on School Improvement Plan 2015-16

Now that the evaluation report is complete, the team will review the report and provide and update on the school improvement at the August governing board meeting.

7.2.2. ESP Energizing Student Potential Award: Field Museum and Washington D.C. conferences

John C. Dunham Partnership STEM School students and their teachers were part of The NEED Project ESP (National Energy Education Development Project - Energizing Student Potential) in the 2015-16 school year. At the recent 36th Annual NEED Project National Recognition Ceremony in Washington, D.C., these students were chosen as the "Illinois Elementary Rookie of the Year" for their energy conservation awareness project titled, "Keeping it REAL! Reducing Energy Use for All Lives"

7.2.3. STEM Voice Video Competition Central Division Group Middle School Winner 2016

This spring, a group of three sixth grade STEM Partnership School students worked together to create a video showing their love of STEM which they submitted to the Coalition for State Bioscience Institutes' STEM Voice Video Competition. Their video was selected as the Central Division Group Middle School winner.

7.3. Dialog on Fiscal Contributions for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

CFOs from the school districts met with Sharon Maxwell from AU to recommend a plan to determine eligible expenditures of donated funds. If donated funds are designated for a specific purpose, they will be allocated as such. This year, funds totally \$18,333 were not designated. The school has a list of purchases that they would like to make related to the curriculum. Items include CAD software as well as materials to support coding. Arin will solicit feedback from a stakeholder group to prioritize and update the list on an ongoing basis. Expenditures will be brought to the

governing board for approval with the intention of retaining approximately 50% for future needs.

7.4. Triple I Conference Presentation and Panel Members

The John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School has been selected for a panel discussion at the IASA/IASB/IASBO conference on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Participants on the panel will include a school board member from Indian Prairie, a superintendent, Pete Wright from Caterpillar, and Dr. Sherrick from Aurora University. Dr. Eagle will coordinate a time to plan.

7.5. Dunham Fund Professional Development Program for Educators

A proposal for district teachers to take STEM coursework through the University and receive classroom support from corporate and non-for profit partners was submitted to the Dunham Fund. The approval process will be completed in November, and planning will begin this summer. Two teachers from each district will be selected to participate in the planning. One teacher should be a current or returning STEM Partnership School teacher, and the other one will be selected by the district. High School teachers are eligible to participate. More details will be sent to the superintendents about the planning group.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Craig and seconded by Sullivan to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Ayes: (4) Sullivan, Craig, Eagle, Hichens

Nays: (0)



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