GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOR  
THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL  
December 10, 2014

John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School  
Easley Education Center  
405 S. Gladstone Avenue  
Aurora, IL  60506  
Meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

I. Meeting – 2:02 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  
   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:  Yea—Dr. Popp, Dr. Craig, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Eagle  
Motion carried.  
The meeting was recessed at 2:03 p.m.

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. Craig and seconded by Dr. Popp that the Governing Board  
recess back to the Regular Session for the purpose of conducting Governing Board  
business.  
The meeting was recessed at 2:43 p.m.
III. Regular Meeting – Open Session
   a. Call to Order

   Dr. Eagle called the meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

   b. Roll Call

   Present: Dr. Mike Popp, Dr. Jeff Craig, Dr. Sherry Eagle, Dr. Karen Sullivan
   Also Present: Ms. Christine Crouch and one parent

   c. Public Comment

   One member provided comment concerning the potential addition of partners to
   the program and the concern that this would increase class size.

   d. Approval of Minutes of the November 24, 2014 Regular Session and Minutes of
   the Executive Session of November 24, 2014

   It was moved by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Popp that the Board approve
   the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Governing Board Meeting and Minutes of
   the Executive Session of November 24, 2014.
   Motion carried.

   e. Personnel

   i. Approval of the reduction of Dr. Kathleen Bradley, Special Education
      Teacher, from .2 FTE to .1 FTE
   ii. Approval of Dr. Deborah Brouman as a .1 FTE Special Education Teacher

   It was moved by Dr. Craig and seconded by Dr. Popp that we approve the
   reduction of Dr. Kathleen Bradley

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

   f. Approval of the Addition of School District Partners

   It was moved by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Dr. Eagle that the Board approve
   the addition of Batavia School District and Kaneland School District to the
   Partnership.

   Discussion: Dr. Craig shared that his Board would prefer seeing more seats for
   their own students before opening the partnership to others. He also indicated that
   we are hiring a new Executive Director, we have new curriculum and we don’t
   have student results yet. District 129 would like to see these things first before
   expanding. Dr. Popp agreed with Dr. Craig concerning the newness of the school.
   He indicated that financial issues are a concern for his district. Dr. Eagle indicated
   that it is difficult to run the school at less than 200 students. The University feels
   strongly that the school needs to be at its capacity. AU is willing to renovate
additional space to add partners in order to serve the broader community. Dr. Sullivan shared District 204’s position that we feel the partnership will be stronger with additional partners. As long as 204 does not lose our current number of slots, we are open to adding others.

Dr. Sullivan withdrew the original motion. Dr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Dr. Craig that the Governing Board allow Dr. Eagle and AU personnel to enter into dialogue with Batavia and Kaneland school districts about the possibility of joining the partnership with the final plan and decision requiring approval from the Governing Board. Dr. Craig indicated that if neither district ends up joining the partnership then we need a plan to get the school to 200 students.

Motion carried.

g. Board Update

Dr. Eagle shared information about a conference sponsored by Excelon on January 24th as well as an April 25th conference sponsored by Caterpillar to discuss how we might move the STEM curriculum out to our schools. More information will follow.

The evaluation report of the Amazing Science Program will be shared with us electronically in the near future. This information can be shared with our Boards of Education.

h. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:31 p.m. by Dr. Popp with a second by Dr. Sullivan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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