



Judith A. Hackett Ed.D., Superintendent

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF NSSEO

The May 6, 2015, regular meeting of the NSSEO Governing Board was called to order by President Frank Fiarito, at 7:02 p.m., at NSSEO Administration, 799 W. Kensington Road, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Present were Governing Board Members, Debbi McAtee, Carol Botwinski, Dennis Composto, Janice Krinsky, Anna Klimkowicz and Todd Younger, Dist 214 Board Alternate. Chuck Williams was not present at time of roll call but arrived at 7:10.

In attendance from the NSSEO staff were Bryan Bolger, Cathy Williams, Greg Hill, Hassan von Schlegell, Jill Anderson, Kim Dungan, Maggie Benes, Mary Ann McGinn, Sheryl Goldman, Sue Mahoney, Melissa Swanson, Judy Hackett, Julie Jilek, Cathy Kostecki, and Pam Radford.

Others in attendance were administrative representatives, Donald Angelaccio, District 23; Cassie Black, District 57; and Renee Erickson, District 211. NSSEA Representatives John Bialek and Mary Cassin were also present, as well as other NSSEO staff members and observers.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSIONS DATED APRIL 1, 2015

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Debbi McAtee to approve the minutes of the regular and closed sessions dated April 1, 2015. On roll call vote - Ayes: – Composto, Krinsky, McAtee, Klimkowicz, Fiarito and Botwinski. Nays: None. Abstain: Younger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION

Due to the late arrival of Board Member Chuck Williams, the recognition was delayed till after Spotlight on NSSEO Stars.

SPOTLIGHT ON NSSEO STARS

As members of Infinitec for almost 20 years, NSSEO has appreciated Infinitec promoting a world focus where children and adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence and act as full members of the community. Sue Mahoney introduced 4 students, Emelia Foster, a kindergarten student with Rett Syndrome who attends school in District 57; Angel Kaloyanov, a fourth grade student with a visual impairment due to Retinopathy of Prematurity who attends school in District 23; Jack Falejczyk a freshman with a visual impairment due to Leber's Congenital Amaurosis who attends school in Township High School District 214; and Kyle Brierton, a student with Cerebral Palsy and Cortical Visual Impairment who attends school in Township High School District 211, for their outstanding achievement in overcoming challenges and accomplishing personal goals using technology. These students were nominated for Outstanding Technology Achievement Awards offered through Infinitec. Angel and Jack were selected to receive this award and honored at the Twelfth Annual Infinitec Banquet on April 30, 2015.

These shining stars reflect courage, perseverance, positive attitudes and amazing talents.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Hackett recognized Chuck Williams for his many years of dedicated service to NSSEO as a Board Member from District 25 since 2003. Chuck has served on numerous committees including, negotiations, policy and nominations. A small token of appreciation was given to Chuck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Frank Fiarito asked if there were any items on the consent agenda that the board members wanted to remove for separate consideration. There were none. Consent agenda items consisted of the disbursement list dated May 2015; procurement-card automatic payment; personnel transactions dated May 6, 2015; payroll expenditures by fund for the March 30, 2015 and April 15, 2015 payrolls; university affiliation agreements; non-resident student placement requests; and appointment of authorized IMRF agent.

DISBURSEMENT LIST DATED MAY 2015

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the disbursement list dated May 2015, in the amount of \$1,465,379.27. On roll call vote - Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

PROCUREMENT-CARD AUTOMATIC PAYMENT

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the Procurement-Card Automatic Payment of \$9,222.96 to BMO Financial Group on May 11, 2015. On roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS DATED MAY 2015

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the personnel transactions dated May 6, 2015, which included the hiring and termination of staff (a copy of which is made a part of these minutes). On roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

PAYROLL EXPENDITURES BY FUND

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the payroll expenditures by fund for the March 30, 2015 and April 15, 2015 payrolls. On roll call vote - Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY/DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY/CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the affiliation agreements between NSSEO and Illinois State University, Davenport University and Concordia University Chicago for clinical experience placements. On roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to approve the requests for placement of non-resident students at Miner School, Kirk School and Timber Ridge School for the remainder of the 2014-2105 school year with all educational costs to be paid by the students' district of residence. On roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Carol Botwinski to adopt the resolution to appoint the NSSEO payroll officer as the IMRF Authorized IMRF Agent. On roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, Composto, Younger, Botwinski, Fiarito, Klimkowicz, McAtee and Krinsky. Nays: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hackett provided an update on the State level with regards to new bills being introduced, IDEA funding and pension reform. This is an extremely busy time of year for legislators.

Dr. Hackett also introduced Mr. Kenneth Hill as the new NSSEO Payroll Officer. Ken started the position on April 15th.

2015-2016 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved by Chuck Williams and seconded by Dennis Composto to approve the slate of officers as presented: Frank Fiarito, President, Anna Klimkowicz, Vice President and Carol Botwinski, Secretary. On roll call vote – Ayes: Fiarito, Botwinski, McAtee, Klimkowicz, Composto, Krinsky, Williams and Younger. Nays: None.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2015-2016

Pam Radford presented a power point presentation that showed the cumulative results of the 2014-2015 Needs Assessment. This Assessment is conducted on an annual basis as one of the requirements of the federal IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act) grant. Responses totaled 633 educator surveys with the demographics including all 8 NSSEO member districts, NSSEO programs and support services, private/parochial schools, all disciplines and early childhood to transition. The survey was developed collaboratively with representatives from NSSEO programs and member districts.

The results of the Parent Survey will continue to be tabulated and a report on the results will be presented at a future meeting.

2015 NSSEO SCIENCE FAIR

Cathy Kosteki announced that the NSSEO Science Fair took place at Kirk School on Thursday, April 23rd. A total of twenty-three entries were displayed with participants from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at MacArthur School, Riley School, Timber Ridge School, Miner School and Kirk School. Eighty-two students participated. The judges this year were Dr. Rathna Koka, River Trails School District 26 Board Member, Jacqueline Cantwell, Northwestern University, Chemistry Ph.D, student, Karen Fidler, NSSEO Technology Administrative Assistant and Janice Krinsky, NSSEO and School District 59 Board Member.

Cathy stated the enthusiasm the students exhibited for science was contagious. The NSSEO science fair not only promotes student learning and inquire into the field of science, it also promotes collaborative learning within the classrooms as well as across NSSEO schools and programs. All the students should be commended for their hard work and commitment they exhibited at the Science Fair.

NSSEO BUSINESS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

NSSEO FOUNDATION UPDATE

Julie Jilek provided a brief update on the NSSEO Foundation. The Foundation is currently sponsoring a student designed note card contest. The note cards will be available for sale to NSSEO staff, families, friends, and the community.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE WAIVER OF COMPETITION ON SELECTION OF LAND SURVEYING SERVICES

Julie Jilek stated that it has recently come to the attention of NSSEO, that the Permanent Index Numbers (PINS) were never properly divided for the NSSEO Administration Center which was purchased from District 214 in 2004 and a small portion of NSSEO's Timber Ridge property that was purchased by District 214 in 2004 from District 25 in 1996 prior to the NSSEO purchase of property in 1999. NSSEO and District 214 are working together with the Cook County Assessor's Office to have the PINs properly split for the Administration Center and Timber Ridge. The division will require surveys with both petitions

listed. In obtaining surveys for either or both of the two divisions, NSSEO would need to comply with the requirements for the Local Governmental Professional Services Selection Act, 50 ILCS 510/0.01, et seq. NSSEO may waive the requirements of the Local Government Professional Services Act if the services in question will cost less than \$25,000. 50 ILCS 510/8. The cost of the necessary land surveying services is expected to be less than \$25,000.00 and the waiver requirements of the Act is in the interest of NSSEO.

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Dennis Composto to pass a resolution authorizing the waiver of competition on selection of land surveying services. On roll call vote – Ayes: Krinsky, Younger, Williams, Botwinski, McAtee, Composto, Klimkowicz and Fiarito. Nays: None.

AMMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DIST 25 AND NSSEO

It was moved by Chuck Williams and seconded by Anna Klimkowicz to authorize the Amendment to the Lease Agreement between School District 25 and NSSEO for the period of time of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. On roll call vote – Ayes: Composto, McAtee, Krinsky, Botwinski, Fiarito, Younger, Williams and Klimkowicz. Nays: None.

MEDICAID FEE FOR SERVICE ILLINOIS SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

It was moved by Anna Klimkowicz and seconded by Debbi McAtee to enter into a one-year Illinois Service Agreement with Go Solutions Group, Inc. for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. On roll call vote – Ayes: Younger, Klimkowicz, Krinsky, Composto, Williams, Fiarito, McAtee and Botwinski. Nays: None.

EBC INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

Julie Jilek stated that NSSEO received its renewal rates at the March 18, 2015 EBC Directors' meeting. NSSEO currently offers two medical plan options to its employees, an HMO plan and a PPO Plan. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois PPO renewal projection resulted in a 6.7% rate increase and the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois renewal projection resulted in a 4.7% rate increase.

NSSEO currently offers two dental plans which are managed through Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. The Group Administrators PPO plan renewal projections resulted in an 8.5% rate increase. The Guardian First Commonwealth HMO Dental Plan renewal projection resulted in a 0% rate increase.

Julie stated that overall, NSSEO is pleased with the services it receives through EBC cooperative.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented: Timber Ridge May 30th Golf Outing flyer; Professional Development Highlights; Position Vacancies / Current FTE Enrollment; Activity Fund Report; NSSEO Health Insurance, TRS and IMRF wire transfers; Third Quarter Financial Report; and Graduation Dates for NSSEO Programs.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Frank Fiarito stated that at the April Board meeting during closed session, the terms of Dr. Hackett's contract were discussed. It was moved by Chuck Williams and seconded by Anna Klimkowicz to accept and approve the Superintendent's contract with the terms as discussed during the April 1, 2015 closed session. On roll call vote – Ayes: Klimkowicz, Fiarito, Krinsky, Williams, Composto, Botwinski, Younger and McAtee. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chuck Williams and seconded by Anna Klimkowicz to adjourn the May 6, 2015, regular meeting of the NSSEO Governing Board at 8:07 p.m. On roll call vote – Ayes: McAtee, Botwinski, Williams, Fiarito, Composto, Krinsky, and Klimkowicz. Nays: None.

Carol Botwinski, Secretary

Frank Fiarito, President

/Im

brdmtg 6.9.15
minutes of 5.6.15