



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom – November 6, 2020 – 9:00 am**

MINUTES

Members present: Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Donita Stepan, Shawn Yates

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Aaron Cook, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Frances Tougas

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Randy Bruer, Chair. The meeting time had been moved up to 9:00am due to a 10:00am Zoom meeting for school superintendents with Governor Walz.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Yates) to approve the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Nelson/Guetter) to approve the October 2, 2020 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (K. Johnson via email/Langaas) to approve payment of October 2020 facilitator invoice.
5. **Member Dues:** The new superintendent at Goodridge School had thought they were members, so would like to pay their 2020 dues as soon as possible and be a part of the BJA grant projects. Tri-County Central school district has yet to pay their 2020 dues. Auchenpaugh and Bruer have been corresponding with Superintendents Ryan Baron, and Bruer asked the former superintendent Ron Ruud to give Baron a call. No payment has been made to date. **M/S/C:** (Bruer/Guetter) to approve both memberships and inclusion in the BJA grants if their dues are paid by November 30, 2020.
6. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Bruer said budget approval has been given for the final three years of the project and the first request for payment in Year 4 has been made. Schools are looking at how the program can be sustained beyond the grant.
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Carlson received notice in mid-October that both grant proposals had been funded. Training for preventing school violence, three years, \$719,439. Threat Assessment development, three years, \$698,334. Participants are law enforcement, schools and other agencies in all eight counties. Advisory committees and focus groups will be set up and Auchenpaugh will serve as the initial project director. Rich discussion followed on project details. Carlson spoke about the possibility of having school crisis plan reviews included in the project, with assistance from the Northwest Service Cooperative.
 - **Family Partners:** Project is going well. Hams is involved in training for the next peer specialist.
7. **Virtual Meeting with Governor:** (or perhaps the Lieutenant Governor) Carlson said it would be good for the Governor to hear what we're doing up here and what we have to offer to others as a model. Should do some prep work and develop questions ahead of time. Reitmeier suggested we highlight our structure, value and accomplishments, and especially as it relates to the rural frontier and the heart of the state. We can be a resource to the Governor in his decision making, e.g. insights and information on working with our communities. Kjono said that from a public health/COVID-19 perspective she can't say enough about established partnerships making their work much easier. Bruer suggested we send the Governor our brochure ahead of time. Auchenpaugh and MacRae will set up a meeting with presenters on behalf of the Collaborative: Jason Carlson, Sarah Kjono, Shauna Reitmeier.
8. **Other:** Reitmeier said NW Mental Health Center has received funding to help homeless individuals in all eight counties who have mental health issues.
9. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Bisek) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, December 4, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30 am via Zoom.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator