

Bdote Board of Directors

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Location

Division of Indian Work

Board Members Present

C. Ward-Thompson, E. Salinas, G. Hartley, H. Reynolds, L. Matson, L. Waterman Wittstock, M. Hermes, T. Scallon

Board Members Absent

B. Beane, J. Rice, R. Gould

Guests Present

A. Christian, D. WhiteMan, Janelle Erickson, Larry Leventhal, M. Brown, N. Trottier, S. Schmidt

I. Opening Items

A.Record Attendance and Guests

B.Call the Meeting to Order

E. Salinas called a meeting of the board of directors of Bdote Board of Directors to order on Wednesday May 21, 2014 @ 2:35 PM at Division of Indian Work.

C.Approve Agenda

H. Reynolds made a motion to approve the agenda.
C. Ward-Thompson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D.Approve Minutes

L. Matson made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 04-16-14.
H. Reynolds seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A.Director Update

Report on file

Title 1 is a new application and SBS will assist with it, training will be in June. Title 2 also.

B. Curriculum Update

Report on file. Curriculum to be completed by June 30th.

Purchase order submitted for purchase of Math curriculum.

Recommendation of hiring Scott Demuth on contract for additional curriculum writer.

T. Scallon made a motion to approve a contract with Scott Demuth for a Dakota vocabulary workbook to be completed by June 30th, at \$25 per hour.

L. Matson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. 1 abstention - Laura Waterman Wittstock.

C. Executive/Startup Committee

Committee notes on Board on Track for previous meetings. Mary Hermes has resigned. She will be contracted to do Immersion Training for all teachers.

D. Facilities Update

First Unitarian church is off the table. St Marks meeting last Friday, reviewed floor plan, we have requested July 1st as a move in date. Lease draft will be done today. Larry Leventhal to review it and submit to MDE for approval. St Gregory's in Highland Park, is only available for 1 year.

E. Personnel Committee

Moving on personnel/employee handbook. Will be reviewed by Larry Leventhal. Requested to meet with the startup committee and the policy committee.

F. Policy Committee

Report on file

G. Public Relations

Committee meeting minutes on Board on Track. Also an article in the Alley and the Daily Planet and MinnPost.

H. Curriculum/Instruction Committee

Reported by Laura Waterman Wittstock, discussion how curriculum can be translated to the classroom. Posted position for the artistic design consultant. Need budget for all curriculum related spending.

I. Finance/Development Committee / Treasurer

H. Reynolds made a motion to approve Financial Reports prepared by School Business Solutions (with a note made that the check listing page shows ZERO checks were voided checks).

L. Matson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

SBS requested that Bdote have financial policies done by June 30th.

J. Authorizer

Authorizer not present.

We need clarification of date on RTO meeting.

III. New Business

A.Approve policies 801 Equal Access, 609 Religious Accommodations, 504 Student Dress and Appearance.

L. Waterman Wittstock made a motion to approve 504 Student Dress Code, 609 Religious Accommodations, 801 Equal Access Policies.

H. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.Nomination of Sheldon Wolfchild to the BLC Board

L. Waterman Wittstock made a motion to accept Sheldon Wolfchild as a member on the BLC Board.

L. Matson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. to send invitation for Board on Track.

C.School Calendar

T. Scallon made a motion to approve July 1 2014 through June 30 2015 Calendar.

L. Waterman Wittstock seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. With a request to find out how many days/hours are required.

D.Vendors

C. Ward-Thompson made a motion to approve recommendation of the Special Ed Director to be ISES (Innovative Special Education Services), as proposed \$13,850 for 2014-15.

L. Matson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Hartley arrived late.

C. Ward-Thompson made a motion to table the request for a Monarch as transportation vendor.

H. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. Graham Hartley abstention as he just arrived.

T. Scallon made a motion to approve Done Right Foods as the food vendor for 2014-15.

L. Waterman Wittstock seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Reynolds made a motion to approve Paychex for payroll vendor.

A. Christian seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E.Auditor

T. Scallon made a motion to approve Clifton, Allen & Larsen as Auditor for 2014 audit.

H. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F.Resolution regarding enrollement

T. Scallon made a motion to allow the administration to enroll students off of the waiting list.

H. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

L. Waterman Wittstock made a motion to delegate authority to the Startup committee to reconfigure the classrooms.

C. Ward-Thompson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G.Personnel

Neil requested that the Board go to closed session to discuss personnel issues.

H.To Recess

L. Waterman Wittstock made a motion to go into closed session.

H. Reynolds seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Board went in to closed session and adjourned 6 pm Wed. 5/21/14 as the business day had ended. Board reconvened closed session Thur. 5/22/14 at 8 am. Personnel issues were discussed.

I.Open Closed session

T. Scallon made a motion to Open the closed session.

L. Matson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J.Resignation of Director

L. Matson made a motion to accept the resignation of School Director Neil Trottier effective immediately and to empower the Chair to execute the separation agreement, providing among other provisions sixty days salary plus 25% benefits. Further provided will be a mutual non-disclosure and non-disparagement agreement.

C. Ward-Thompson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Board members present: Louise Matson, Elaine Salinas, Cindy Ward, Tony Scallon, Graham Hartley, Laura Waterman Wittstock (via phone). Non-Board: Neil Trottier, Larry Leventhal.

K.Interim Director

G. Hartley made a motion to approve Louise Matson as non-paid Interim Director for BLC until a permanent Director can be found.

T. Scallon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Closing Items

A.Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Matson