

Special Note: Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the June 2020 Board of Directors meeting is conducted via Zoom digital platform in order to comply with Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order 20-41 which extends school closing and distance learning through the end of the school year.

All votes will be made using individual roll-call conducted by the Board Chair.

1. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Board members present: Michele Fluhr Fraser, Graham Hartley, Kat Anthony-Wigle, Mary Hermes, Louis Mattson, Jenn Hall

Absent: Autumn Dilley, Pam Goeke, Joe Rice

Guests: Nichole Schmidt, CLA; Cindy Ward-Thompson, Director of Administration

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jenn Hall, Vice Chair

JH: time 4:36 pm

C. Approve Agenda

Need to add new business- support letter for grant; done

JH: is there a motion to approve June meeting agenda? Motion GH, Second MFF

JH: roll call vote: kaw, yea; mh, yea; gh, yea; lm, yea; mff, yea

JH: Motion Approved

D. Approve minutes from May board meeting

Jenn Hall

Additions/corrections- typos for some spelling; ratification of contracts only for continuing employments, includes NO new hires and that Bill has retired.

JH is there a motion to approve May meeting minutes? Motion Gh, second LM

JH roll call vote: lm yea; gh yea; kaw yea; mff yea; mh yea

JH: May minutes are apprvd

2. Finance:

Graham Hartley

A. May Financials:

Nichole from CLA reviewed

Application for CARES money is in-the Bdote app is prob one of the first the state rec'd; might get the \$ July 1st- ok to use up for add'l covid expenses incurred til 09/23/22; other hot topic in news is the holdback % age. Mn will likely change the charter school hold back from 10% to 27%. Phil at Propel loans for non-profits is getting ready to have \$ available, and Bdote is in good standing to go higher if needed. NS also knows that Cindy always gets pockets of \$\$ to cover the holdbacks. There were times when the holdback was 40%- they got through it; eight days til the end of fiscal; Accounts payable will be paid off by June30; will make audit even smoother than if we have some ap balances.

This is looking the best we've seen for Bdote ever.

Going deeper:

92% fiscal; 94 for revenues/expense; enrollment solid at 108;

Compare revised budget 143,000 and rev so much higher, because we got other gifts and unexpected grants/ some expenses in budget are actually paid by credit card rather than line items. Food serv fund usually loses money cuz states reimburses food but not “catering”- but this year we are doing lots of that catering/delivery ourselves so we will not look as if we lose as much money.

*local and other revenue/gifts 330k rec'd already when budgeted 307k so this is very good- may be getting even more gifts reported for next month; Checks see slight increase of reimbursements for some purchases and deliveries, some mileage for delivering devices, check ins for families, individual food runs; GH bought refrigerator bags; Deposits- covid gift and bequest- 25,000 from Indian Collective; have a diff special code to track the covid expenses. MH: It's not really a question, but hits me every time- is this normal? is just appalled at \$ that state owes us- NS explains its always been around- so now you're owed 560k for this year; it's in state statute so state can look for flush!! It's been like this for the 17 years I've been doing this-

B. Review and approve checks:

JH is there a motion to approve May 2020 Financials and checks: motion GH, second LM

JH roll call vote: kaw, yea; gh, yea; mh, yea; lm, yea; mff, yea

JH the May financials are approved unanimously

3. Leadership Report

Cindy Ward-Thompson

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a document titled '8000adminupdate' is shared, displaying a list of 14 items. The items include: 1. Working on three plans for starting the school year (distance learning, social distance visits, 8:2 ratio, everybody back); 2. Lease Aid application; 3. Awarded and received \$50,000 from McNight; 4. Personal donations; 5. \$100,000 from Novo; 6. CARES/GEARS money; 7. First Nations family language camp; 8. MARSIS reporting; 9. CDS due June 30; 10. Vendor contracts; 11. HMC nursing service; 12. July 20th graduation; 13. Kindergarten enrollees; 14. Ojibwe slots. On the right, a grid of video thumbnails shows participants: Michele Fluhr Fr..., Kat, Bidote Admin, Jenn Hall, Nichole Schmidt, mhermes, Graham Hartley, and Louise Matson. The bottom of the screen shows Zoom controls like Mute, Start Video, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, and Leave.

CWT reviews her shared document; we will be the statewide guinea pigs because we start on July 29th; the add'l gifts are so encouraging- some are over \$1000; CWT adds other notes that GH doing lots of grant writing, ie ANA/Esther Martinez- and we have lots of grant reporting coming due over the next month or two; we got our 100k from novo we get every year; \$ from First Nations planned for family camp, now cancelled, so FN allowed us to use the \$ for in home language work- making kits, books videos, online classes, vocab labels etc they are letting us use to buy new iPads too. Vendor contracts are hard – too many unknowns Jh- just want the staff to know how great it is to see them working so nimbly in this changing time; kudos on all the flexibility and hard work.

4. Committee Reports

- A. Governance Committee- none
- B. Others Committee Reports/Updates- Finance shared earlier; no others.

5. New Business

A. COVID-19 – Structure for 2020-21 Discussion

Primary issues involve mde not telling us what's expected until 0729 which is our start date!!! We operate on a different year-round calendar and Cindy worries they will refuse to reimburse if they change the expectation after we've gotten started in the way that best fits our community. Lots of discussion about how we could possibly have kids in the building within the social distancing model 6 feet etc, we just can't do it!! MACS recommends we use the Summer School Guide- Mary Catherine Richter has been a good ally so Cindy will contact her- the Summer School guide isn't really very helpful; LM says they want to start up groups at DIW but we need to be given more direction and how to manage the 10 people max. Its just so difficult not knowing how to move forward. MH is there a way to start off and then transition if state gives new guidance or mandate? Mostly families are giving push back 4 generation homes, we have 30% high risk students, and staff on chemo, compromised immune; etc, so we are leaning towards DL; GH said some fams are super stressed with dL if they have 3 to 5 kids- and we are working on doing small group meet ups in community. And we are expected to provide childcare for our staff- we have 14 kids – there is no good answer.

B. ANA grant application support letter:

GH 45 mos project, 300,000 dollars, need a 20% local match- (can be novo or others- not a new match) Shared screen shows body of letter from the school asking for Board support of the grant; Three prong: 1 Parents as partners, how is the lang being used in the home and how to get the parents learning and usingit. ; 2 staff increasing their language- not just classroom teachers- but all staff using assessment at the intermediate level 90%- to include lunch room , office, bus etc; 3 re our recent 8 grade grads and Alumni work - how will they remain connected to Bdote and to ongoing language development- providing them a chrome book to use for online learning and language tables- also come back to Bdote to mentor, and be teacher's assistants. Cindy- do we also need from the board a maintenance of effort (MOE) certification? Gh- says yes. We need someone to sign that we will agree to continue the efforts of the grant after the grant years and money expire- needs to be a separate board votes. LM and cwt explain that as a school, the goal of the grant is almost the same as our mission, these functions will continue to be our goals and the work we do. Two sep votes needed for grant application and moe.

JH is there a motion for the Board to support ANA grant application and does support the longterm community goal as written by the grant? Motion LM, second MH

JH roll call vote: mff yea; lm yea; mh yea; kaw yea; gh yea.

JH motion approved

JH is there a motion to support the MOE: motion mh second gh

JH roll call vote: kaw, yea; gh yea; lm yea; mh yea; mff yea.

JH motion approved

6. Public Comment

JH none

7. Adjourn meeting

JH is there a motion to adjourn: LM at 5:45pm