



*Approved May 22, 2021*

## **Education Minnesota Governing Board Virtual (Zoom) Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2021**

**Members present:** Jamie Alsleben, Todd Andrix, Shelli Arneson, Heather Bakke, Megan Bartel, Jerry Bellefeuille, Bernie Burnham, Monica Byron, Greta Callahan, Joe Cerar, Annette Davis, Michelle Dennard, Geneva Dorsey, Nick Faber, Michelle Farnum, Ryan Fiereck, Marty Fridgen, Jodi Hansen, Jana Hedlund, Al Helgerson, Jessie Holm, Valerie Holthus, Linda Howe-Wensel, Julie Jagusch, Cindy Kluempke, Tammy Knapper, Joan Lancour, Maureen Morrow, Yasmin Muridi, Ellen Olsen, Bety Rios-Christensen, Tammy Roth, Rodney Rowe, Scott Schaefer, Kate Schmidt, Ben Schwanke, Marty Scofield, Rob Simonich, Jared Simpson, Denise Specht, Mark Swenson, Stacey Vanderport, Matthew Wilmes, Kelly Wilson

**Members absent:** Amy Aho, Wendy Drugge Wuensch, Judy Rohde, Ryan Roseen

**Staff present:** David Aron, Lisa Enwright, Rob Gardner, Sara Gjerdrum, Allison LaBree, Carrie Lucking, Shelley MacDonald, Kathi Micheletti, Bridget Moore, Shane Patrick, Dan Rivera, Mike Roehl

**Guests:**

### **PRELIMINARY MATTERS:**

**Call to order:** President Denise Specht called the meeting of the Education Minnesota Governing Board to order at 4:31 p.m.

**Roll call:** Recorded by Secretary-Treasurer Rodney Rowe as noted above.

**M-1 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the agenda as presented with flexibility.**

**Consent agenda:**

**M-2 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented:**

- **Minutes of February 27, 2021 Virtual Governing Board Meeting**

**President's report:** President Specht reported on the following (full report on file):

- Tough week for a variety of reasons; Chauvin conviction, killing of Daunte Wright.
- Education Minnesota will be the recipient of the NEA Rosena J. Willis Memorial Award.
- NEA George Sanchez Award will go to our nominee, Unitos MN.
- RJPC is working with Race Forward. Work is centered around creating a plan; will do a survey soon to get a baseline. Thanks to governing board representatives on that committee.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Organizing for Settlement Fund:**

**M-3 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the Organizing for Settlement Fund items as presented:**

**Loans**

- 1. Approval of a loan in the amount of \$29,420.00 to Education Minnesota Osseo ESP for unusual negotiation expenses.**

**Grants**

- 1. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$601.02 (80% of \$751.27 allowable expenses) to Central Education Association for unusual negotiation expenses.**
- 2. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$3,982.40 (80% of \$4,978.00 allowable expenses) to Education Minnesota – Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton for unusual negotiation expenses.**
- 3. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$3,682.50 (80% of \$4,603.12 allowable expenses) to Hinckley-Finlayson Education Association for unusual negotiation expenses.**
- 4. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$7,708.83 (80% of \$9,636.04 allowable expenses) to Education Hutchinson for unusual negotiation expenses.**
- 5. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$4,759.94 (80% of \$5,949.93 allowable expenses) to Martin County West Education Association for unusual negotiation expenses.**
- 6. Approval of a grant in the amount of \$1,748.76 (80% of \$2,185.95 allowable expenses) to Northland Remer Education Minnesota for unusual negotiation expenses.**

**Motion carried.**

**July Governing Board meeting dates:**

**M-4 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to change the July governing board meeting dates to July 19-21, 2021.**

**Motion carried.**

**Goal Updates:**

**Full Funding:** Director of Policy and Public Affairs Carrie Lucking presented an update on the organization's full funding goal. Key points included:

- Federal funds coming in but are not a long-term solution
- Have had success in issue campaigns – goal was 40 locals, have 48 locals running local issue campaigns
- Wanted to school boards to pass resolutions that support fully funding education – this has proven difficult but we do have 1 that has done it, a few more on the way.
- Goal of 50,000 signatures on full funding petition; at about 10,000 signatures right now with 3-weeks to go.

**Legislative update:** Manager of Communications and Government Relations Kathi Micheletti presented a legislative update. Key points included:

- Focus is on State budget but must be done by May 18.
- House passed omnibus bill with bipartisan support last week; Senate passed with only one dem vote – very different bills.
- Compared House vs. Senate education budget

**New Business:**

**RC Action Items:**

**M-5** Moved by, Monica Byron, seconded by Michelle Dennard to take a position of support for the proposed Action Item 3 regarding dismantling racism.

**Motion carried.**

**M-6** Moved by, Bernie Burnham, seconded by Kate Schmidt, to take a position of support for the proposed Action Item 4 regarding full funding.

**Motion carried.**

**UniServ Grant:**

**M-9** Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the NEA UniServ Grant as presented.

**At 5:50 p.m., using unanimous consent, without objection, the board moved into executive session.**

**At 5:58 p.m., using unanimous consent, without objection, the board moved to rise out of executive session.**

**Open Forum:**

Michelle Dennard: Wished Sara G a very happy birthday!

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.