



EMID BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER.

Meeting called to order by Michael Boguszewski, Board Chair, at 5:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

SSD 006: South St. Paul

ISD 199: Inver Grove Heights

ISD 623: Roseville

ISD 624: White Bear Lake

ISD 831: Forest Lake

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Linda Diaz

Mary Frances Clardy

Michael Boguszewski - Chair

Jessica Ellison - Clerk (absent)

Rob Rapheal - Treasurer (5:49 p.m.)

STAFF:

Sebastian Witherspoon, Executive Director; Janine Stammler, Operations Manager

GUESTS:

Kathy Miller, Business Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mary Frances Clardy (ISD 199) moved to approve the agenda. Linda Diaz (SSD 006) seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve the agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

OPEN FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

Linda Diaz (SSD 006) moved to approve the Consent Agenda with discussion about the Official Newspaper. The Woodbury Bulletin will be declared the official newspaper of the organization. Mary Frances Clardy (ISD 199) seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

FOCUS AREA #1 – PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT EDUCATE AND SUPPORT STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES AND DIMINISH BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY:

I. Programs & Services Update

Sebastian provided an update on the programs and services that EA-MN staff are working on. We will be working with Uzoma Obasi from The Creative Group LLC to create marketing videos for the organization. We were approved to receive an AmeriCorps VISTA. We are currently facilitating an Equity Audit with Literacy MN and we recently signed a contract with Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium to conduct focus groups with their organization. We facilitated professional development with Northfield Public Schools on Monday, February 15. We facilitated two sessions for a total of approximately 300 participants. We have been working hard on getting grant applications submitted. We should begin to hear if we are approved for funding by early March.

FOCUS AREA #2 – LEAD REGIONAL DIALOGUE, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION FOR EQUITABLE EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND OUTCOMES:

FOCUS AREA #3 – STRENGTHEN EQUITY ALLIANCE MN'S BUSINESS MODEL TO PROMOTE OUR OWN FISCAL AUTONOMY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GROWTH:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Boguszewski adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

EMID Board Clerk

Date .