

Harwood Union Board of Directors Meeting
3 December 2014
Harwood Library
5:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Deb Hunter, Chair; David Goodman, Vice Chair; Garret MacCurtain; Dale Smeltzer; Dan Raddock; Stephen Sands (5:49PM)

Administration: Brigid Scheffert, Superintendent; Amy Rex, Co-Principal; Lisa Atwood, Co-Principal; Michelle Baker, WWSU Director of Finance and Operations; Donarae Dawson, WWSU Director of Student Support Services; Michael Woods, HU Director of Student Services

Public: Jonathon Von Briesen, MRV-TV; Lara Seaberg, minute taker

Call to order: Chair Deb Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM.

Approval of minutes: Dale Smeltzer moved to approve the minutes of the 19 November 2014 minutes as written. Garret MacCurtain seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Academic Planning and Policy Committee: Dale Smeltzer informed the full board that the committee had reviewed a second draft of the Graduation Requirement policy and the HIV-STI prevention policy. The committee plans on having a first reading of both policies in January and a vote for adoption in February. Dale Smeltzer also informed the Board that the committee had reviewed a draft of the Latin System transcript policy and the timeline for the graduation requirements for proficiency based graduation.

Dale Smeltzer made a motion to move forward with a first reading of the HIV-STI Prevention and Graduation Requirement policies at the full Board level. Garret MacCurtain seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Presentation: Donarae Dawson and Michael Woods shared with the Board information about the increase in the Special Education budget both at the Harwood and WWSU level. There were questions from the Board and discussion. David Goodman asked to have a better picture of the Special Education situation.

Executive Session: On a motion made by Dale Smeltzer and seconded by Stephen Sands the Board voted to enter into Executive Session with administration present at 6:20 PM to discuss a

matter of personnel contract. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:01 with no action taken.

On a motion by Deb Hunter and seconded by David Goodman the Board voted unanimously, with no abstentions, to direct the administration to respond to the 7 requests for retirements by M. Charron Shea, John Kerrigan, Tami Munford, Nancy Spencer, Lisa Lemieux, Bonnie Westwater and Donna Cook, beginning 1 July 2016 as discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Dale Smeltzer and seconded by Garret MacCurtain the Board voted unanimously, with no abstentions, to adopt the Washington West Supervisory Union Middle School Exchange program.

Michelle Baker presented preliminary budget figures which led to a discussion of the FY 2015-2016 HU budget. The Board affirmed its stance that fiscal restraint is of paramount importance as we seek to craft a budget that provides high quality education. Work will continue at the 17 December 2014 HU Board meeting.

On a motion by Garret MacCurtain and seconded by David Goodman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

The next full Board meeting will be 17 December 2014 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara Seaberg
Minute taker