



*Approved October 3, 2020*

## **Education Minnesota Governing Board Virtual (Zoom) Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2020**

**Members present:** Amy Aho, Jamie Alsleben, Shelli Arneson, Heather Bakke, Megan Bartel, Jerome Bellefeuille, Bernie Burnham, Monica Byron, Greta Callahan, Joe Cerar, Annette Davis, Michelle Dennard, Geneva Dorsey, Wendy Drugge, 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, Ryan Roseen, Rodney Rowe, Scott Schaefer, Kate Schmidt, Ben Schwanke, Jared Simpson, Denise Specht, Mark Swenson, Stacey Vanderport, Matthew Wilmes, Kelly Wilson.

**Members absent:** Todd Andrix, Brenda Johnson, Tammy Roth, Rob Simonich

**Staff present:** David Aron, Lisa Enwright, Rob Gardner, Sara Gjerdrum, Allison LaBree, Carrie Lucking, Shelley MacDonald, Kathi Micheletti, Bridget Moore, 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 9:01 a.m.

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

**Seating of new members:**

**M-1 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to seat the following new board members:**

<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Joan Lancour</b>
<b>Zone 4</b>	<b>Tammy Knapper</b>
<b>Zone 7</b>	<b>Jana Hedlund</b>
<b>Zone 8</b>	<b>Valerie Holthus</b>
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Yasmin Muridi</b>

**Approval of Agenda:**

**M-2 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the agenda as presented, with flexibility.**

**Board Priorities and Goal Setting:**

**COVID-19, Reopening Schools and Campuses:** The board engaged in breakout sessions around the current COVID-19 pandemic, specifically around the re-opening of schools and campuses and shared out common themes for further discussion.

General Counsel David Aron presented information on “What options are legal and what are not legal.” David reviewed the avenues for action and the consequences of each of the following:

- Common law and Whistleblower protection
- OSHA-protected refusal to work
- Work stoppage mid-contract (generally not protected).

**Executive Committee Nominations:** Nominations were taken for election district and at-large positions for the Executive Committee. Speeches will take place on July 23, 2020 followed by secret ballot voting by mail.

- Election District nominees: Jamie Alsleben  
Jodi Hansen  
Wendy Drugge  
~~Greta Callahan~~  
Annette Davis

Greta Callahan requested to withdraw her name for consideration.

- At-Large nominees: Kate Schmidt  
Marty Fridgen  
Michelle Dennard  
Joe Cerar  
Ryan Fiereck

**M-3 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to certify by acclamation Jamie Alsleben, Jodi Hansen, Wendy Drugge and Annette Davis as election district representatives to the Executive Committee.**

**Recess:** At 11:02 a.m. the board recessed.



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**Members absent:** Valerie holthus, Linda Howe-Wensel, Brenda Johnson, Tammy Roth, Scott Schaefer

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

**Guests:**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Denise Specht at 9:02 a.m.

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

President Specht recommended adjusting the agenda to focus the remaining time on the following agenda items:

- finish the Priorities and Goal setting conversation regarding school re-openings
- Personnel Committee report
- Secretary-Treasure's report
- Executive Committee Candidate speeches

She also recommended that an email vote be taken for the following agenda items:

- Consent agenda items
- Governing Board meeting calendar
- Organizing for Settlement report

**M-4 Moved, using unanimous consent, without objection, to approve the modification of the agenda and conducting an email vote for the Consent Agenda items, Governing Board Meeting calendar and the Organizing for Settlement action items.**

## **Board Priorities and Goal Setting:**

**COVID-19, Reopening Schools and Campuses:** The board continued to engage in robust discussion around re-opening schools in the current landscape. The conversation was framed by what does it look like if we get what we need vs. what does it look like if we do not get what we need to return to school.

**Personnel Committee Report:** Chair of the Personnel Committee, Marty Fridgen presented a recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

**M-5 Marty Fridgen moved with a committee second to approve an offer of employment to Bonita Jones as a full-time, regular Field Staff position in our Southwest Metro office supporting MFT ESPs. Bonita is placed at TEMPO Step 9, an annualized salary of \$122,867 with a start date in this regular full-time role of July 23, 2020.**

**Motion carried.**

**Budget and Finance Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Rowe presented and reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget by going through the Budget Summary and touching on the major increases or decreases impacting the budget for the next fiscal year.

**M-6 Secretary-Treasurer Rowe moved, with a committee second, to approve the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

Due to time, President Specht asked that we consider acting on the proposed changes to the Education Minnesota Financial Policy for Governance and Members by adding this to the email vote since the changes being suggested were all in regard to adding clarity and consistency in our current practices.

**M-7 Moved using unanimous consent, without objection, to add the proposed changes to the Education Minnesota Financial Policy for Governance and Members to the email vote.**

**Executive Committee Speeches:** President Specht informed the board that Ryan Fiereck has withdrawn his name for consideration. Each Zone/at-large candidate was allowed one minute of speaking time to address the board.

Ballots will be mailed out following the conclusion of the meeting. Ballots will be due back by 11:59 p.m. August 4 and will be counted on August 5 to determine if a runoff election is necessary and results will be communicated out.

## **Open Forum:**

**SPFE Local Option Agreement:** President Specht presented the Local Option Agreement that has been signed by both Education Minnesota and SPFE.

**Local Leader Calls:** These will continue on Thursdays at 4:30 pm throughout the summer. Please contact Lisa Enwright if you would like to access recordings of these calls.

**Summer Seminar:** Rob Gardner updated the board on the Summer Seminar courses that will be available on the LearnUpon platform.

**MEA Conference:** A decision has been made that this years MEA conference will be a virtual conference.

**Car Parade Rally:** Information was shared in regard to the Open Schools Safely Car Parade that will take place at 2:00 today and that also on Friday SPFT is holding a rally in front of the Governor's residence in regard to the same topic.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.