



MINUTES Regular Board Meeting

5:30 PM - Wednesday, April 28, 2021
via Zoom Videoconferencing

- PRESENT:** Chair Mary Blair-Hoeft, Vice Chair Brein Maki, Board Clerk Jean Roth, Board Treasurer Lynn Gorski, Member Theresa Arrick-Kruger, Member Mike Christensen, Member Jason Marquardt, Member Monica Sveen-Ziebell
- ABSENT:** Member Don Leathers
- EX-OFFICIO:** Steve Sallee
- STAFF:** Amy Grover, Dale Walston, Jeff Aamot
- GUESTS:** Mat Johnson, Katja Kressman

1. **CALL TO ORDER – MARY BLAIR-HOEFT**

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Chair Mary Blair-Hoeft. A quorum was declared.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Lynn Gorski made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Jean Roth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **HEARING OF REPORTS – INFORMATION**

SE/Metro Regional Center of Excellence Report. Jeff Aamot attended the meeting to provide updates on the 15 member RCE team serving schools in the southeast and metro areas. They continue to offer virtual support to their schools, with high engagement from school leaders. The normal three-year ESSA cycle has been extended into a fourth year due to COVID, so this will provide continuity of technical support. The focus of their work has shifted due to social unrest and the pandemic, so they are offering more supports for social-emotional health, student engagement in the context remote learning, identification of standards to prioritize, planning for summer programming, equity training, etc.

GeaCom Presentation. Mat Johnson, CEO and Founder and Katja Kressman, General Manager joined the meeting to discuss a possible collaboration between SSC and GeaCom (a Duluth-based company) to leverage their innovative platform that allows students and teachers to complete a mental health assessment that then aligns to school-based referral services, in addition to additional comprehensive solutions offered through their company. This solution would also be available to our city and county members. Additional details about the service model will be shared at the May meeting, as well as contract review and approval.

Executive Director Report. Steve Sallee provided verbal updates on next steps with SSC's strategic planning, the concept of adding a Media and Marketing Coordinator position/service, as well as upcoming Day at the Capital meetings with Representative Davnie and Senator Chamberlain.

Program Manager Report. A written report was provided, and Amy Grover highlighted the results of statewide Senior High Knowledge Bowl State Competition (congratulations Northfield Maroon!) and that registration has opened for the Young Authors, Young Artists Conference on May 10-14 for students in

grades 3-5. In addition, dates have been scheduled and district teams are signing up to participate in the first Redefining Ready cohort. Finally, we celebrated a successful STEM Forward Educator Forum!

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Bree Maki made a motion to approve and accept the items on the consent agenda, including minutes of March meeting, March balance sheets and revenue expenses, March bills, and April SAC minutes. Member Jean Roth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. SPECIFIC AGENDA

Personnel

- Member Tess Arrick-Kruger made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee’s staff compensation recommendation, effective July 1, 2021. Member Mike Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Member Bree Maki made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee’s staff insurance recommendation, effective July 1, 2021. Member Tess Arrick-Kruger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Member Mike Christensen made a motion to re-open the vacant Administrative Assistant position. Member Monica Sveen-Ziebell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Member Mike Christensen made a motion to hire Karlyn Brewington for the position of Administrative Assistant, effective May 3, 2021. Member Jason Marquardt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

- Pay Equity Report Approved
- MHC Board Meeting Minutes

6. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting date is Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Member Jason Marquardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. Member Mike Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Roth, Board Clerk

<u>2021 Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>2022 Meeting Schedule</u>
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – ANNUAL MTG	Wednesday, January 26, 2022 – ANNUAL MTG (9:00 AM)
Wednesday, February 24, 2021	Wednesday, February 23, 2022 (9:00 AM)
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	Wednesday, March 23, 2022 (9:00 AM)
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Wednesday, June 23, 2021	Wednesday, June 22, 2022
JULY, MSC Board Conference - CANCELLED	JULY, MSC Board Conference
Wednesday, August 25, 2021	Wednesday, August 24, 2022
Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Wednesday, October 27, 2021	Wednesday, October 26, 2022
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 (9:00 AM)	Wednesday, November 16, 2022 (9:00 AM)
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 (9:00 AM)	Wednesday, December 14, 2022 (9:00 AM)