



## ReNEW Board Meeting - May 14, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

### I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

**Board members present:** S. Rosenthal, CJ El-Dahr, M. Landry, B. Weimer, M. Clem, K. Conklin, R. Kennedy

**Board members not present:** S. Castellanos, N. Hardie

**Guests present:** Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Tammy Robicheaux, Lisa Giarratano, Kael Saloy

### II. Approve Minutes

S. Rosenthal moved to approve 2/6/2020 meeting minutes. CJ El-Dahr seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### III. Public Comment Period

No public comments

### IV. Resolutions regarding transfer of property to Educators for Quality Alternatives (EQA) from ReNEW Accelerated High School (RAHS)

#### A. 21CCLC EQUIPMENT TRANSFER BOARD RESOLUTION

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T. Bryant explained that, while the transfer of RAHS to EQA will commence, according to the grant agreement, equipment will remain with ReNEW Schools.

K. Conklin moved. M. Landry seconded. Members unanimously voted to pass the resolution.

#### B. ERATE EQUIPMENT TRANSFER BOARD RESOLUTION

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K. Conklin moved. M. Landry seconded. Members unanimously voted to pass the resolution.

#### C. PRIVATE GRANTS EQUIPMENT TRANSFER BOARD RESOLUTION

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K. Conklin moved. M. Landry seconded. Members unanimously voted to pass the resolution.

### V. Resolution regarding signing for grants and contracts

#### A. CONTRACTS & GRANTS BOARD RESOLUTION

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M. Landry moved. CJ El-Dahr seconded. Members unanimously voted to pass the resolution.

## **V. Finance Committee Report**

### **A. March 2020 Financials**

CJ El-Dahr expressed appreciation for the ReNEW administration and finance team for its cooperation with local and state entities in receiving Federal grants. Mr. El-Dahr explained that the budget and deficit outlook have improved.

### **B. Introduction of 2020-2021**

#### **Budget**

T. Bryant presented the preliminary budget for 2020-2021. T. Bryant explained due to numerous variables that may be impacting the network, the budget is fluid.

### **C. PPP & Cares Act Funding**

T. Bryant explained that ReNEW was able to secure PPP Funding.

### **D. COVID Impact upon future years**

T. Bryant explained that the network is set to lose around \$3 million over the next three years. Ms. Bryant requested that the current staffing structure remain in place for the next school year.

## **VI. CEO Report**

### **A. LEAP Connect**

T. Bryant shared that students, who are administered the LEAP Connect test, significantly improved. Bryant shared how important it is for students to maintain their momentum.

### **B. Spring 2020 Distance Review**

Bryant also explained that the network is working toward the 2020-2021 plan.

### **C. Potential Scenarios**

T. Bryant explained that numerous scenarios of school operations could be in play for the 2020-2021 school year due to the Covid-19 situation.

### **D. Planning for Distance Learning in 2020-21**

T. Bryant explained that the network is planning for each possible scenario in 2020-2021.

L. Giarratano explained that the network team has conducted research on how to best move into a remote learning environment, in the event the situation will continue into next school year. Giarratano shared findings from this research, which utilized practices and outcomes from other school districts who have conducted remote learning plans. Giarratano explained that the network hopes to stick to a model which focuses on synchronous or asynchronous learning.

Giarratano explained that best practices have indicated a reduction in an amount of learning time during remote learning.

**VII. Financial Disclosures - Due  
May 15**

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, K. Conklin moved to adjourn. M. Landry seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.