

BOARD OF CONTROL
DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
AUGUST 8, 2007

MINUTES

Mr. Robert Libka called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 in the Board Room at Triton College. Voting members present: Chairman Mr. Robert Libka, Vice Chairman Dr. Douglas Rudig, Secretary Dr. Attila Weninger, Dr. Robert Lupo, Dr. Kathryn Robbins, and Dr. Patricia Granados (ex-officio). Voting member absent: Mr. Jack Baldermann. Also present: Ms. Jonita Ellis, Ms. Karen Schmidt, Mr. Don Lund, and Ms. Denise Yaneck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Robbins moved, Dr. Lupo seconded the motion to approve minutes of the May 30, 2007 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

VOTING ITEM: BOARD BILLS

Dr. Robbins moved, Dr. Lupo seconded the motion to approve payment of DVR bills. Roll call vote.

Dr. Rudig – aye
Dr. Weninger – aye
Dr. Lupo – aye
Dr. Robbins – aye
Mr. Libka – aye

DVR AUDIT

At the May 30, 2007 meeting, the Board directed Ms. Schmidt to seek an independent auditor to conduct the Des Plaines Valley Region audit. Previously DVR's audits have cost up to \$4,000. Superintendents provided contact information for their respective auditing firms, and requests for proposals were sent to Virchow Krause & Company and Miller Cooper. Virchow Krause responded with a Proposal for Audit Services with proposed fees of \$11,500 for FY07 and \$13,800 for FY08. Auditors claim that the increase in fees is related to new auditing standard requirements. With Dr. Rudig's assistance, Virchow Krause representative John Rossi agreed to reduce the proposed fees

to \$9,500 for FY07 and \$11,800 for FY08. This is the maximum charge; DVR could be billed less according to hours actually needed to complete the audit. Ms. Schmidt stated that the DVR budget has \$4,500 allocated for the audit and that the additional funds needed could be taken from contingency. Dr. Rudig suggested that DVR contract with Virchow Krause to conduct the FY07 audit, but explore additional audit firms for future audits. At Dr. Weninger's suggestion, the Board agreed that the search for a firm should be broader than just firms that specialize in school audits.

Dr. Rudig moved, Dr. Robbins seconded the motion to approve Virchow Krause & Company to conduct the DVR FY07 audit for \$9,500. Roll call vote.

Dr. Rudig – aye
Dr. Weninger – aye
Dr. Lupo – aye
Dr. Robbins – aye
Mr. Libka – aye

Ms. Schmidt stated that no response was received from Proviso regarding the Board of Control's refusal to pay an additional \$8,000 for the FY06 audit.

2006-07 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Board members received the final 2006-07 expenditure status for DVR. Ms. Schmidt stated that the largest sum of unused grant funds was due to District 89. Presently DVR has \$64,010 available in contingency.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL INSERVICE

The inservice is scheduled for September 6th. Superintendents are encouraged to meet with their Administrative Council representatives to ensure that Council members have a clear understanding of district goals for the year.

CURRENT GRANTS

Ms. Schmidt reported that all grants have been approved. Administrative Council representatives need to ensure that grant funds are spent in a timely manner and in accordance with the established payment schedules. No competitive grants are being sought at this time. Council members have information concerning the New Look Project that targets special populations. Grants will be awarded for \$1,500 to \$3,000. Applications are due in mid-September.

STAFF INTEGRATED TEAM EXPERIENCE (SITE)

SITE was held in June, and evaluations were very positive with the exception of the visit to Experian. Board members received an evaluation summary. Board members requested that the DVR office provide them with a list of participants, the companies visited, and an electronic version of the SITE brochure.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

The October 2nd workshop will be a full-day event. Keynote speaker will be Dr. William Coplin from Syracuse University and author of “Ten Things Employers Want You To Learn In College.” Partnership awards will again be presented in three categories.

HEALTH CAREERS CAMP

The health careers camp will be offered summer of 2008. Board members were encouraged to provide suggestions for two co-coordinators. Twenty-four students will participate in the three-day program to be held at Triton that will include speaker presentations and shadowing/field trips.

FACT BROCHURE

The DVR fact brochure is in the final production process. Quantities will be sent to the schools through the Administrative Council representatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Libka stated that the Madison Careers Conference is a beneficial event for teachers and administrators to attend. Dr. Weninger suggested a coordinated effort to have persons from our schools attend as a group. The question was raised as to whether DVR could provide funds to assist with transportation or registration costs. Ms. Schmidt stated that the subject can be discussed with the Administrative Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Weninger moved, Dr. Robbins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.