



DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
BOARD OF CONTROL
NOVEMBER 17, 2014

MINUTES

Dr. Kevin Anderson called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 9:20 a.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014 in Room B204/210 at Triton College. Voting members present: Chairperson Dr. Kevin Anderson (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Vice Chairperson Dr. Steven Isoye (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Secretary Ms. Jennifer Kelsall (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart (Proviso Dist. 209), Dr. Kevin Skinkis (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Mikkel Storaasli representing Dr. Nick Polyak (Leyden Dist. 212), Dr. Doug Olson representing Dr. Patricia Granados (Triton College). Also present: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

CONSENT ITEMS

The following were presented for approval.

- A. October 27, 2014 meeting minutes
- B. Ratification of copier payment (\$156.00)
- C. Current bills (\$29,219.94)
- D. Authorization to pay December bills due to cancellation of December 8, 2014 meeting

Dr. Collins-Hart moved, Dr. Skinkis seconded the motion to approve the four consent items as listed. Roll call vote.

Dr. Isoye – aye
Ms. Kelsall – aye
Dr. Collins-Hart – aye
Dr. Olson – aye
Dr. Storaasli – aye
Dr. Skinkis – aye
Dr. Anderson – aye

REQUEST FOR DISTRICT ANNUAL AUDITS

Each year DVR requests and receives copies of the annual audit from each district for our files. It is requested that all districts forward a copy of the FY14 audit to the DVR office. To date we have received the Oak Park & River Forest audit report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the current expense/revenue report; status of each district's FY15 grant claims; School/College Alliance Workshop evaluation and expenses; Fall Counselor Workshop evaluation; Student Career Spotlight Workshops information; and Administrative Council meeting minutes of October 2, 2014.

In general, School/College Alliance Workshop evaluations and comments were extremely positive from both participants and panelists.

Evaluations from the Fall Counselor Workshop were also very positive; the presenters were good; all districts were represented; and discussions indicated that participants gained a new perspective on the components of Programs of Study.

The Student Career Spotlight Workshops will introduce students to career areas by cluster and can serve as a basis for future field trips and opportunities for students. Schools are actively soliciting students with related career interests to participate. Manufacturing is the first event, and due to our collaboration efforts, the presenting organization is opening up their internship program to 18-21 year olds in the western suburbs for the first time. Schools were advised to limit students for the Manufacturing Spotlight to juniors and seniors due to the age constraints. Dr. Cothran also provided brief information on the upcoming Career Spotlights in Finance, IT, Health, and Engineering.

OTHER

Perkins legislation requires our grant activities to address specific indicators and to show measured gains in those indicators, which include non-trad participation, and reading and math scores, among others. Dr. Cothran noted that last year in February ISBE provided each EFE some additional CTEI grant funds to support work on Programs of Study, which the Board approved for sending teams of teachers to the Math in CTE training, "Geometry in Construction." This year "Algebra in Engineering" will be offered June 22-25, 2015. At last week's regional Industrial Technology committee meeting, our teachers expressed interest in attending. ISBE advised us not to expect any additional CTEI funds this year, so to send these teams we would need to forgo other current budget items. Dr. Cothran has identified activities in the FY15 budget that would need to be postponed until next year in order to utilize this year's funds to send four teams of teachers to the Math in CTE training. Items to postpone would include student testimonial clips, and work on the 2015 Best Practices videos would not be done until the start of FY16. Perhaps funds could be reallocated from the Student Career Spotlight Workshops mileage, and the number of participants in Teacher Workplace Experience could be reduced from 12 to 10. The teams for "Algebra in Engineering" will be from schools that offer Engineering by Design or Project Lead the Way (i.e. Proviso, Ridgewood, Oak Park & River Forest, and Leyden). Registration will be open to us after December 1st and names of teachers will be needed at the time of registration. The Board directed Dr. Cothran to secure seats when registration opens, and the Board will take action to approve a budget amendment at their next meeting.

Dr. Granados is retiring at the end of December. The Board requested that Dr. Cothran obtain a list of dates from Dr. Granados when she is available so the Board can honor her years of service and support to the Des Plaines Valley Region.

As noted in Consent Item D. above, the Board's December 8th meeting is canceled as IASA has now scheduled a presentation on the Vision 20/20 program for that morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Isoye moved, Dr. Skinkis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.