

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

November 21, 2019

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held November 21, 2019, at the Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on November 15, 2019. The proofs of publication have been received and will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting. Notice of the agenda was given to all members of the Council on November 15, 2019.

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was convened and called to order by Chair Kelley at 6:05 p.m. and began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Notice & Compliance with Open Meetings Act.** Chair Kelley announced that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at the room entrance and that copies of materials being reviewed by the Council were available to the public.
3. **Roll Call.**

Voting Members Present: Avery, Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Williams, Woodward, Kelley

Voting Members Excused: Hahn

Members Absent: Ward

Staff Present: Franklin, Parker, Benzel, Patton, Kreher

Also Present: Tom Ackley, Koley Jessen P.C.; Janette Merkel, BECI; Jolene Jackson and Barb Johnson, MMI; Nicole Seymour and Chelsey Erpelding, GOALS

It is noted for the record that Dr. Williams left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair Kelley presented the Council minutes from the October 17, 2019 public meeting of the Council. Motion by Mr. Hoeger, seconded by Mr. Thommes, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on October 17, 2019. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hoeger, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: Hager, Kozel, Woodward. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

It is noted for the record that Dr. Williams returned to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

5. Reports

a) Chair – Chair Kelley discussed January agenda items. Chair Kelley indicated that the Learning Community Foundation has received 501(c)(3) approval.

b) Treasurer

- i. Motion by Mr. Thommes, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, motion to accept Treasurer's Reports

dated September 30, 2019 and October 31, 2019. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

c) Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Patton discussed progress on his goals. Mr. Patton reported on meetings he had attended.

d) Legal Counsel – No Report

6. Public Comment – None

7. Superintendents' Plan for Early Childhood Education Plan Overview – Janette Merkel provided a presentation. Discussion took place. One handout was provided.

It is noted for the record that Ms. Ward arrived at 6:28 p.m.

8. Learning Community Center of South Omaha Update – Ms. Franklin provided a report.

a) Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Ms. Martinez-Real, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, motion to approve amendment to the Learning Community Center of South Omaha lease that will provide additional parking for an amount not to exceed an additional \$1,200.00 per month. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

b) Motion by Ms. Martinez-Real, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, motion to extend the Learning Community Center of South Omaha lease by an additional ten years with a continued 2% annual escalator. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

9. Learning Community Center of North Omaha Update – Ms. Franklin and Ms. Parker provided a report.

10. Subcommittee Reports

a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee –

i. Munroe-Meyer Annual Evaluation Report – A presentation was provided by Ms. Barb Jackson and Ms. Jolene Johnson. Discussion took place. Two handouts were provided.

ii. Upon recommendation of the Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee, motion to approve the Socioeconomic Diversity Plan for the 2020/2021 School Year as presented in the handout entitled "2020/2021 Diversity Plan." Motion by Mr. Ekwerekwu, seconded by Ms. Ward, to table motion indefinitely. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Ward, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

b) Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee –

- i. Motion by Mr. Thommes, seconded by Mr. Hoeger, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, motion to approve updated checking signing and credit card policy. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: None. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**
- ii. Motion by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation of the Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee, motion to approve mileage reimbursement request from Mike Avery for the three months prior to his hardship, per the Expense Reimbursement section of the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual. Amount of reimbursement is \$ 104.64. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Thommes, Ward, Williams, Woodward, Avery, Kelley. Abstain: Avery. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

c) Legislative Subcommittee – A legislative update was provided by Mr. Hager.

11. New Business –

- a) Superintendents' Plan to Improve Attendance – Greater Omaha Attendance and Learning Services (GOALS) Evaluation. A presentation was provided by Ms. Nicole Seymour and Ms. Chelsey Erpelding. Discussion took place. Four handouts were provided.

12. Unfinished Business - None


13. Next Council Meeting –

January 16, 2020, Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE

14. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned with unanimous approval at 8:54 p.m.

Documents provided were as follows, copies of which will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting:

- LCCC Minutes dated October 17, 2019
- Treasurer's Reports dated September 30, 2019 and October 31, 2019
- Learning Community Center of South Omaha Lease Extension
- Munroe-Meyer Annual Evaluation Report
- Proposed Diversity Plan 2020/2021
- New Accounting Policy
- GOALS Information Packet



Jill Woodward – Secretary