

LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES

LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 16, 2019

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held May 16, 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 May 8, 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 May 10, 2019.

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was convened and called to order by Chair Kelley at 6:00 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: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Ward, Woodward, Kelley

Voting Members Excused: Avery, Thommes

Members Absent: Williams

Staff Present: Franklin, Parker, Benzel, Patton

Also Present: Tom Ackley, Koley Jessen P.C.; Bret Anderson, Wilson Focus School; Kim Bodensteiner, BECI

It is noted for the record that Dr. Williams arrived at 6:04 p.m.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair Kelley presented the Council minutes from the March 21, 2019 public meeting of the Council. Motion by Mr. Hoeger, seconded by Ms. Hahn, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 21, 2019. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: Hager, Hahn. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes. Chair Kelley presented the Council minutes from the April 18, 2019 public meeting of the Council. Motion by Mr. Hoeger, seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on April 18, 2019. Yeas: Hoeger, Martinez-Real, Williams, Kelley. Abstain: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Kozel, Woodward. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

5. **Reports**

- a) Chair – Chair Kelley thanked the Council for participating in the CEO Evaluation and Strategic Planning Workshop. Ms. Hahn provided an update on the Learning Community Foundation.

- b) Treasurer
- i. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Ekwerekwu, to accept Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2019. Discussion took place. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: Hager, Hahn. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried**
 - ii. Motion by Ms. Hahn, seconded by Dr. Williams, to accept Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2019. Discussion took place. Yeas: Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: Ekwerekwu, Hager. Nays: Ward. **Motion carried**
- c) Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Patton reported on the new hire of Dale Kreher, Finance Director and thanked Seim Johnson will their assistance during the transition. Mr. Patton introduced Bret Anderson from Wilson Focus School, who provided a presentation. A handout was provided.
- d) Legal Counsel – No Report
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Superintendents' Plan for Early Childhood Education Plan Overview – Kim Bodensteiner provided a presentation. A handout was provided.
8. Learning Community Center of South Omaha Update – Ms. Franklin reported on the graduation ceremony.
9. Learning Community Center of North Omaha Update – Ms. Parker reported graduation ceremony will be held on June 27, 2019. Ms. Parker also reported on the newly implemented food program.
10. Subcommittee Reports
- a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee – Mr. Ekwerekwu provided an update on the ELD meeting, and Ms. Franklin provided an update on pilot programs.
 - i. Motion by Mr. Ekwerekwu, second by Mr. Hager, upon recommendation from the Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee, motion to renew Program Evaluation Agreement with the University of Nebraska Medical Center to have the Munroe Meyer Institute provide evaluative and consultative services for elementary learning center programs, as set forth in the document entitled Program Evaluation Agreement, and appropriate up to \$429,124.00 from the Elementary Learning Center Fund Budget for FY 2019/2020. Approval is contingent upon Council approval of the 2019/20 fiscal year budget for the Learning Community. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None: Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**
 - b) Budget, Finance & Audit Subcommittee – No Report.
 - c) Legislative Subcommittee – Mr. Hager provided a legislative update.

It is noted for the record that Mr. Ekwerekwu left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

*amended Ms. Kozel left @ 8pm
& approved*

11. New Business -

a) Pilot Programming Process and Agreements

- ii. Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Mr. Hoeger, upon recommendation of Achievement Subcouncils 1, 3 and 4, the Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee and the Executive Committee, motion to authorize the CEO to enter into ELC programming agreements with school districts and community organizations to fund extended learning, kindergarten jumpstart and instructional coaching programs as described in the Summary Sheet (attached) for the 2019/2020 fiscal year totaling \$292,236.91 from elementary levy funds. Approval is contingent on Council approval of authorization of the elementary levy and the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget for the Learning Community. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None: Nays: Ward. A handout was provided. **Motion carried.**

It is noted for the record that Mr. Ekwerekwu left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

12. Unfinished Business

Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Dr. Williams, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, motion to approve Operating Protocols and waive second reading.

Ms. Ward provided a handout listing 12 amendments when discussion started on the Operating Protocols.

The first proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT I. TO STRIKE the quote from the Wisdom of Teams. The Council is not sports team and replace it with the following:

The Learning Community Council is, and should be, a gathering of diverse adults elected to represent the differing and common needs of individuals and families residing in separate districts. Members seek to address the educational needs within the defined structure of the Learning Community and thereby improve the academic success of all students in Douglas and Sarpy County. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The second proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENTS to **How the Council-CEO Governs**

AMENDMENT 2. TO STRIKE from paragraph 1 the second sentence and replace it with, "However, we will make every effort to encourage meaningful and timely public comment on each agenda item in order to be fully informed as to public needs and the impact of proposals before the Council." The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The third proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 3. TO STRIKE from paragraph 2. "We agree that an individual Council member will not take unilateral action. The individual Council member has not authority outside of the official meeting on the Council." and INSERT at the end of the paragraph 2. "However, each individual Council member has a responsibility to the voters or their district who elected the member and the general public and therefore has the right to report Council activity and express a personal opinion on the decisions and activities of the Council that the public may be fully informed regarding the spending or public funds." The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The fourth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 4. TO INSERT at the bottom of paragraph 3. "However, in order that we may benefit from robust debate, we will respectfully protect and consider the expressions of a minority opinion and encourage the expression of dissent even after a decision has been made in much the same manner as appellate courts, commissions, study groups and research teams do.

The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The fifth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 5. TO STRIKE all of paragraph 4. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The sixth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 6. TO STRIKE from the final line of paragraph 1 the words, "maintaining confidentiality". We are members of a public body, not a secret society, priests hearing confessions, attorneys asked for legal advice, or spies guarding national security information. We have an ongoing obligation to inform the public. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The seventh proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 7. TO STRIKE paragraph 6. We meet to have discussions in public, not behind closed doors or to form alliances secretly to determine the outcome of action items. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The eighth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 8. TO ADD to paragraph 7. "The agenda will include an opportunity for each member to address the Council on matters relevant to the purpose and function of the Council which are not on the agenda so that all members may be informed about the conditions in a district that they may be placed on the agenda for the next meeting if appropriate. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The ninth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 9. TO STRIKE paragraph 5. It may be the wish of a member to take an orientation course if all expenses are paid the Council and the Council has reviewed and concurred with the program contents by it is not a legal requirement and should not be imposed by this Council. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The tenth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 10. TO STRIKE paragraph 7. Sec above. Neither is this Council is not a fraternity or sorority. We are public servants. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The eleventh proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 11. TO STRIKE all of the first paragraph except the first sentence. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

The twelfth proposed amendment was:

AMENDMENT 12. TO ADD to the last paragraph "Members may expect that robust discussions and carefully consideration of matters of consequence may require monthly meetings to extend beyond the expected closing time. The motion **Failed** for lack of a second.

Returning to original motion –

Motion by Mr. Hager, seconded by Dr. Williams, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, motion to approve Operating Protocols and waive second reading. Yeas: Ekwerekwu, Hager, Hahn, Hoeger, Kozel, Martinez-Real, Williams, Woodward, Kelley. Abstain: None: Nays: Ward. **Motion carried.**

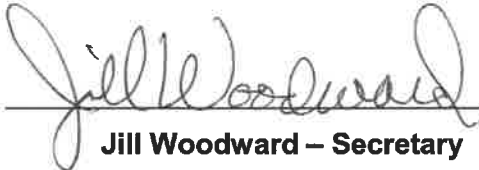
13. Next Council Meeting –

- June 20, 2019 - Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE

14. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned with unanimous approval at 8:08 p.m.

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

- Council Minutes dated March 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019
- Treasurer's Reports dated March 31, 2019 and April 30, 2019
- UNMC Recommendation and Program Evaluation Agreement
- ELC Pilot Program Summary Sheet
- ELC Service Provider Agreement Summary of Terms (Completely Kids)
- ELC Programming Agreement Summary of Terms (Millard Public Schools)
- ELC Programming Agreements Summary of Terms (1 and 2 Years) (Douglas County West Community Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools, Papillion La Vista Community Schools, Springfield Platteview Community Schools)
- Operating Protocols


Jill Woodward – Secretary