

Coalition of Innovative School Districts

Smoky Hill Service Center
605 East Crawford
Salina, KS
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Minutes from September 23, 2014

Members Present:

Deena Horst
Jim McNiece
Bev Mortimer
Brad Neuenswander
Randy Watson

Guests Present:

Mike Strand, Salina Journal
Mark Tallman, KASB
Ms. Jan Neufeld, Superintendent - Twin Valley
Tele-Com Conference:
Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent – Blue Valley
Mr. Mark Crawford, Superintendent – Hugoton
Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent – Mr. David Smith, Chief of Staff – Kansas City

1.0 Approval of Agenda

1.1 *Deena Horst moved, seconded by Bev Mortimer to approve the September 23, 2014 agenda. Motion approved 5-0.*

2.0 Comments from Public

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Approval of Minutes

3.1.A *Brad Neuenswander moved, seconded by Deena Horst to approve the August 27, 2014 minutes with the following correction: Under Kansas City – USD #500 – should have read “After presented by the Kansas School District”. Motion approved 5-0.*

4.0 Reports and Discussion Items

4.1 Comments from Bev Mortimer and Brad Neuenswander concerning the Rose Capacities, the Proficiency and Efficiency task force and its possible relation to the CISD mission.

- *Discussion on the proficiency task force – possible relation to our mission?*
- *What do we want public education to look like in the State of Kansas?*
- *Lots of time spent on financial management, however we don't spend lots of time on student success.*
- *The Rose Capacities were discussed as its relationship to the CISD work.*
- *What is student success?*
- *What are the indicators schools are doing for student success?*
- *What are the things that get in the way of student success?*
- *Efficiency is important – but our real issues are providing our students the opportunity for success.*
- *The state board is “ready” to move – could the CISD Board be the vehicle for moving forward for measuring student success to the state?*
- *We need to move faster and get things in place – so that schools aren't put on hold for a long period of time.*
- *You learn from your mistakes as much as your successes.*

5.0 Old Business

5.1 State Board action on Blue Valley, Kansas City, Kansas and Hugoton's application to become a CISD.

- *Much discussion regarding whether or not a school whose application has been approved by the CISD Board – needs to be present at the State Board for the next step? The CISD Board consensus – this was an opportunity to present to the State Board – rather than a “have to”. We want the state board to the excitement and enthusiasm from these school districts.*
- *We (CISD Board) want the State Board to be heavily involved – and we want to move forward and get things going.*
- *Blue Valley felt this was just another step that would slow the process down – another question/answer meeting.*
- *Presentation by Blue Valley, KCK and Hugoton to the State Board will be held October 14, 2014.*

6.0 New Business

6.1 State Board of Education support for research, agendas and minutes Discussion on what support can the SBOE and SDOE give to the CISD in operations.

- *Discussion on an Operational Budget for CISD: Money would cover expenses for travels, supplies for meetings, room rental, secretarial duties, etc. State Board has an allocation – would need to set up a line for this item.*

6.2 Waiver issues currently before the CISD members

6.2.1 How do individual CISD proceed in determining waivers and notifying the appropriate agencies.

- 1) *NON QPA items do not need approval – just need to have their request approved through their local school board;*
- 2) *QPA Requests –would need some sort of state board of approval; and*
- 3) *Requests that will need another agency to change their rules/regulations.*

Those items that will need another agency to change their rules/regulations would require a different procedure..

6.2.2 Process for waiver for “other” assessments, allowed by law, instead of Kansas State Assessments. The CISD will consider procedures at its next meeting.

6.2.3 Waivers desired by individual districts

6.3 Selection of routine meeting date for CISD

Recommendation is to consider the third Monday of the month

- *Randy Watson recommended that in the future the Coalition of Innovative Districts meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Smoky Hill Service Center at 9:00 am. Jim McNiece made the motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Brad Neuenswander. Board approved the motion 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned – 11:50 am.