Special Meeting of the CEF Board of Directors

Monday, July 27, 2020 @ 2:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

**General public invited to listen**

In attendance: President Meghan Agresto, VP Al Marzetti, Treasurer Bryan Daggett, Secretary Allison Broughton, Susan Taylor, Frieda Harris, Gerri Adams. Teacher-Admin Sylvia Wolff, Teacher Julie Allen, Teacher Marcy Moore. Members of the public: Annette Bailey, Amy Boutin, Karen Clark, Kerri Engley, Brittany Finch, Jacqueline Schauer, Kathleen McCubbins, Erin Price.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30. A quorum was established.

President’s reasons for calling Special Meeting of the Board and review of current situation vis-à-vis opening WEVS for 2020/21 school year

On July 14, 2020, Gov. Cooper announced that NC schools could operate under Plan B, which calls for reduced capacity. Schools may also opt for plan C, virtual learning only, and must offer remote learning options for students who want them. Teachers and students K-12 will be required to wear masks while at school.

Adoption of Agenda

Al made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Frieda seconded, and all voted in favor.

Presentation re:Opening WEVS for 2020-2021 School Year by Teacher/Administrator Sylvia Wolff

Following parent surveys and multiple CIP committee meetings and with state guidelines and mandates in mind, the proposed re-opening plan is a delayed start, staggered Plan B approach:

* Move school start to September 8. The two-week delayed start will be used by teachers as required work days to put all of Q1 online for synchronous and asynchronous learning.
* Begin classes with four weeks of virtual learning.
* Board will meet in late September to assess re-opening criteria for a staggered Plan B return to in-person instruction to begin week of October 4.
  + Week 1: K-2 returning to school all day, every day while all other students remain virtual
  + Week 2: 3-5 returns for their Plan B in school/out of school rotation (3rd in every day all day; 4/5 is 3 days in school/2 days virtual), 6-8 remains virtual
  + Week 3: 6-8 returns for their two days/week in person, rotating with 4/5
  + Chapel is cleaned between cohorts
* All students will be expected to attend live instruction on Remote Learning Days RLDs. Attendance to live instruction will count as a daily grade. Students will be counted as present in PowerSchool if they turn in the work assigned for that day and/or attend live instructional classes. Student’s attendance at live classes will factor in to their final grade (so they can be present on PowerSchool if they submit the work but if they attend no live classes, they get a zero weighted at 35% of the final grade tied to live attendance…) Student/parent handbook policies on absence and educational leave will apply during remote learning.

Key points on Parent Survey Feedback:

* There is no ideal solution. This proposal aims to best serve students in a way that is safe and aligned with the WEVS mission.
* Survey responses were divided and fluid—there were different responses from parents within the same families and respondents who answered with one set of answers and then changed course and re-submitted the survey with different responses.
* Responses indicated considerable anxiety regarding mask mandates.

Board Discussion and approval of a WEVS Reopening Plan

Key points:

* The incredibly comprehensive job done by Teacher-Admin Wolff with assistance from NEEAT, Exploris, and CIP was acknowledged.
* According to the Governor’s mandate, masks are required at all times while students are at school. The state has provided WEVS with 44 reusable and 44 disposable masks.
* If a Plan B approach is adopted, adjustments to the time frame for returning to in-school instruction can be made.

Al made a motion to amend the previously adopted school calendar. Bryan seconded. Discussion: Confirmed that updated calendar meets all state requirements for instructional time. Most of the days missed due to the delayed start will be added at the end of the year, making the last day of school June 17.

Gerri made a motion to adopt Plan B with up to four weeks of virtual instruction before we commence face-to-face instruction. Susan seconded, and all voted in favor.

Closed Session

Al made a motion for the Board to move to closed session. Susan seconded, and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.