

Regular Meeting Minutes of the
NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE
Board of Directors
Thursday, March 23, 2006
Maple Room

Chair Wolden called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Wayne Wolden, Mike Wilson, Orville Meyer, Paul Anderson, Carol Pundt, William Higgs and Bill Krivanek. Also present were Gary Nytes, Scott Blum, Susan Nanik and Mike Hajek, staff; and Mike Doro, Superintendent at Northland Community Schools, Ex-Officio.

Mr. Krivanek moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Ms. Pundt to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2006. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Hajek, Director of Business Development and Marketing, gave the Board an in-service on the latest developments and successes in our cooperative programs.

Mr. Blum presented the Financial Report. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Krivanek to approve the check register and Treasurer's Report of Cash, Revenues, and Expenditures and to pay all vendor disbursements #57218 to #57636. Carried. Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Ms. Pundt to approve P-Card checks #7, #8 and #9. Carried.

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve updated Membership Agreements, adding 94 new members.
- Accept Bid and Contract Award AEPA IFB 006.1B-Furniture to Mity-Lite, Inc., Nova Solutions, Inc., and School Specialty Education Essentials.
- Accept Bid and Contract Award AEPA IFB 006.1D-Online Training to Aires Technology, Inc.
- Accept Bid and Contract Award AEPA IFB 006.1F-Sports/Health Equipment & Supplies to Sport Supply Group, dba BSN Sports.
- Accept Bid and Bid Award NJPA IFB #011306-Administrative Software and Related Applications to Tyler Technologies, Inc. and SchoolDude.com.
- Accept Bid and Bid Award NJPA IFB #011606-Classroom Sound Enhancement and Related Equipment to Audio Enhancement and LightSPEED Technologies, Inc.
- Approve Vendor Contract with Atlas Tracks, NJPA IFB #121405
- Approve Vendor Contract with Medtronic Emergency Response Systems, NJPA IFB #112905
- Approve Vendor Agreement with Scott Electric for audio visual bulbs
- Approve Vendor Agreement with Equipment Brokers Unlimited for equipment recycling program.
- Approve AEPA Extension Agreements with:
 - Interface Flooring Systems
- Accept Jennifer Roy's resignation as YFS at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley and open position.
- Approve hiring Shanna Lueck as YFS at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley for 90 days at \$163.27/day for a total of \$14,694.30. Job points 15, Step 2.

- Approve hiring Judy Hanson as CSW for 98 days at \$110.48/day for a total of @10,827.04. Job points 15, Step 12.
 - Approved updated 2005-2006 Employee Matrix.
 - Approve Program addition of Coordinator of Membership Services and Communications.
 - Approve Program addition of Vision and Mobility Teacher.
 - Approve Executive Director's Calendar.
- Motion Carried.

Mr. Nytes rationalized the Seniority list and Anniversary list. Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Krivanek to approve the Seniority and Anniversary lists as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Nytes answered questions regarding his 2006-2007 Staffing and Program Recommendations and Rationale.

Ms. Pundt moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs to approve the Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing NJPA Programs and Services as amended and to terminate Roxanne Lundeen, Regional Low Incidence Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Lacey Martinson, Coordinator of Graphic Arts, Design, and Marketing. Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the Board of Directors Meeting dates for 2006 with Annual Meeting and Student Recognition on April 12th and the Regular Board of Directors meeting on April 20th. Motion carried.

Mr. Nytes gave an update on progress of the Legislative Initiatives as outlined.

Mr. Nytes reported on our civil action complaint filed by Zimmerman Reed against Astra Zeneca.

Mr. Nytes reviewed progress on the CitiCapital Leasing Program and the changes made.

Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Ms. Pundt to approve Carlson Highland & Co, LLP's bid for audits for years ending 6/30/06, 6/30/07, and 6/30/08. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Krivanek to approve the Suite 7 lease for 7/1/06 through 6/30/07 for the University of Minnesota. Motion carried.

Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2005-2006 Evaluation Instrument for the Executive Director and that each Board member, each Employee and the Executive Director himself should complete the evaluation and mail it to the evaluation committee chair. Motion carried.

Chair Wolden appointed Mr. Higgs as Chair of the Executive Director's Evaluation Committee with Ms. Pundt and Mr. Krivanek committee members.

Mr. Anderson reported that he and Mr. Wolden had met with Mr. Nytes for the first Executive Director contract negotiation session. Mr. Meyer was unable to be present for this first meeting. The next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

Mr. Nytes reported that Rider Bennett's E. Patrick Shriver has been asked to review our legal authority for State and National contracts and he will have an opinion for the next Board meeting on April 20th.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Ms. Pundt to allow the Staples Area Farmers Market to use our parking lot on Saturday's from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. from 6/17/06 through 10/28/06 (20 days) provided they supply a Certificate of Insurance, pay any property taxes due to Todd County arising from using the parking lot, and clean up each day when finished. Motion carried.

Ms. Pundt moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the Technology Plan for 2005-2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Meyer moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs to approve the four recommendations made by the RMPEC as stated in their minutes from the January 25, 2006 and February 28, 2006 meetings:

1. Refund the Tobacco Settlement monies to member agencies with a memo stating that the members may consider retaining those funds in their PSIP accounts for future expenses.
2. Continue to negotiate with BCBS regarding the "overcharging" of administrative and stop loss fees and expedite a decision.
3. Start the bid process and continue to work with Health Partners, Preferred One and Medica.
4. Set up a meeting with the other SC executive directors and committee members to discuss working together again.

Motion carried.

Mr. Nytes presented the State Auditor's March 6, 2006 request for a brief summary of steps NJPA has taken in response to their June 2005 report. Ms. Theurer's reply was also discussed.

Mr. Nytes presented minutes of the AEPA meeting held December 3, 2005.

Ms. Pundt moved, seconded by Mr. Krivanek to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 P.M. Motion carried.