

School Finance Accountability Board

Date: Friday, September 09, 2016-10:30 a.m. CDT

Location: MacKay Building Conference Room #1
800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

Public telephonic access: 1-866-410-8397/conference code: 2543408891

Present via phone: Jason Dilges, Member
Jarod Larson, Member
Mike Lodmel, President
Susan Proefrock, Vice President

Absent: Eric Stroeder, Member

DOE staff in attendance: Tamara Darnall, Travis Jordan, Susan Woodmansey, Bobbi Leiferman, Denise Bowman, Bobbi Rank

Others in attendance: Bob Mercer

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Travis Jordan at approximately 10:36 a.m. CDT.

Election of President and Vice President:

The first item on the proposed agenda was to select a president and vice president for the School Finance Accountability Board. Travis Jordan called for nominations for President, Jarod Larson nominated Mike Lodmel. Nomination was second by Susan Proefrock. Susan Proefrock moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous vote to elect Mike Lodmel as president. Second by Jason Dilges. Roll call, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jason Dilges to nominate Susan Proefrock for Vice President. Second by President Lodmel. Roll call, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Vice President Proefrock, second by Jason Dilges, to adopt the September 9, 2016, proposed agenda. Roll call, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Report on Teacher Compensation Data:

Travis Jordan gave a report on the Teacher Compensation Data currently reported by school districts. Jarod Larson questioned what information is included in the teacher compensation data. Travis Jordan explained in further detail the data collected for the baseline teacher compensation on the district's annual report. Jason Dilges questioned whether data in the Personal Record Form system (PRF) can be matched to teacher compensation data. Travis Jordan explained that only the contract salary is recorded in PRF and that teacher compensation data consists of both salary and benefit expenditures for teachers.

Duties of the Board:

Travis Jordan outlined the duties, as prescribed in statute, of the board. There were no questions from the board.

Discussions on Appeals Process Rules:

Travis Jordan discussed the board's responsibility and a proposed timeline to adopt rules for the appeals process prior to the legislative session. Jarod Larson asked for clarification on whether teacher compensation data or teacher salary data will be reviewed for the appeals process. Travis Jordan responded that teacher compensation will be used for the accountability board.

President Lodmel asked for clarification on timelines on data collection for teacher compensation and monthly cash balance data for the general fund. Travis Jordan responded that teacher compensation data is due August 30th. Tami Darnall also responded that the monthly cash balance data will be the lowest reported for the previous fiscal year in the general fund; also clarifying that it is not the fund balance of the fiscal year that will be used to determine an excess cash balance. Jarod Larson asked if there is any policy guidance from previous boards or DOE regarding excess cash balance data. Tami Darnall stated that she would look for documents that pertained to the previous fund balance caps.

Jason Dilges asked if teacher compensation data is available to be analyzed comparing fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017. Tami Darnall stated that teacher compensation data for fiscal year 2017 won't be reported until August, 2017. Jason Dilges stated that teachers know what their salary is before they sign their contract and asked why districts can't report that information to the State before session. Tami Darnall explained that the PRF will be open in September for school districts to report teacher salary and reminded the board that it will not include teacher benefits. Jason Dilges asked if all appeals will be presented to the board in the following school year, Tami Darnall stated that is correct.

Travis Jordan requested feedback from the board about establishing timelines for setting up the rules for the appeals process and the factors that may be considered for the recommendation of an approval of a waiver requested by a school district. Jason Dilges requested that DOE provide the board with possible scenarios to help guide the board's discussion in establishing the appeals process. President Lodmel also asked that DOE bring previous policy examples regarding excess general fund penalties to the next meeting. Travis Jordan confirmed that DOE can provide the requested information to the board in the next meeting.

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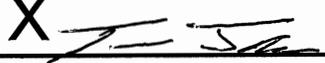
Meeting Schedule for School Year 2016-2017:

Travis Jordan discussed meeting dates with the board. The board agreed upon the following meeting dates of October 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. CDT via skype and a tentative date of November 3, 2016 1:00 p.m. CDT for the following meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Vice President Proefrock, second by Jason Dilges, to adjourn meeting. Roll call, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. CDT.

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Travis Jordan