Call to Order:

Financial Report—too $645551, is going to be in an investment that will hopefully return around 4%.

$50,000 in moving costs. Have spent about $38,000 of $50,000 line item for moving.
M-mark Andresen S-Curt Pierce C

Executive Director Update:

a. Building:

c. Assessment Taskforce—Rep/Dem conventions- Republican very conservative ideals. Close Superintendent race. Superintendent Baesler did win nomination. Supt. Baesler will open the review of the standards and ask teachers to be on committee to review the standards. What we want is an exam best for students and is meaningful such as a formative assessment on how to shift instruction. If not, then make it short and sweet. Smarter balanced contract is up in 2017. Goal is to come up with an RSP that would be all inclusive for Smarter Balanced, ACT, Pearson, etc.

What to do during transition year what do we do? Keep the Smarter Balanced for one more year to keep it consistent for students.

Scott Faul frustrated that all the discussion has lead to another year to wait for an RFP for new assessment.

Curt Pierce was wondering about what people dislike and it appears that it is just government over reach.

e. Seclusion and Restraint Taskforce—advocates of bill wanted this taskforce. Senator Shibley is supportive of a bill but many are more in view of it needs to stay as a point of local control.

Jen Fremstad HS, Doug Supt, Deb Fohman from ES will be representing. Tracey Kline from Sp. Ed directors along with Aimee will be on the committee.
f. Admissions Taskforce—Terry Baesler and Kevin Hoherz. Taskforce was a review of core coursework acceptable for college credit. Goal of our people was to defend dual credit and CTE courses. Result was standstill and no meeting rescheduled.

g. Recruitment and retention—falling into tougher days. No money in state to push $250,000 to run publicity campaign viable. Look at alternative means to get people into education. Paul Stremick is involved with task force to hire new Executive Director for ESPB.

6. New Business

   C. Preliminary Budget—goals to operate in the green with addition of new Assistant Director’s position and categories such as the new NDCEL ndedjobs website.

   D. Asst. Director Interviews Update—2 candidates were interviewed and hopefully have them begin May 1st. Both candidates can leave their positions prior to July 1st.

M- Chris Bastian S-Nancy Bollingberg C-Motion carried

   E. NDEDJOBS.com website—Aimee going to Supt regional meetings to provide information for website. How would this conflict with Applitrack? Should work together. Cost would be less than a couple newspaper adds.

      First iteration it free and then billing would go from August to August. Chatted with Colleges prior to us going online and it was leaked and college students have already been wishing to put this information on the website.

      Cost is based similar to Minnesota model.

M--by Jack Mau to adopt Minnesota model for school fees recommend to round up to according to appropriate scales. S-Nancy Bollingberg. C-Motion Carried
Summer conference-screen “most likely to succeed” with Ted Dintersmith. Legislators will be invited as well. Graduate credit will be to read the book prior to conference so Ted can be a part of the internet book study. Tuesday Michael Fullen to spend half a day. Right drivers for education. Thursday go with golf tourney with steak fry and then provide a survey to determine if the Jerry B golf scramble is where we need it to be. June 17th would be Dave Schuler with AASA. Getting out what our view of “college readiness” and what it looks like.

Conferences—boot camp is planned for this summer. There is a request to have two separate registrations. Fall conference as for next year we are working hard to keep those two days for fall conference as a request through DPI. Goal is to have agencies such as REA’s to have PD going on during those days so that we don’t lose the dates. In order to lock in good speakers we need to schedule them at least two to three years out.

If we don’t or aren’t allowed to have the dates, would be go to an August conference?

Public TV—usually we recommend that they pay for or buy something through NDCEL. Jeff Schatz requested that we make this free. Dr. Flowers made point that they do things for public education.

Maternity policy—non on hand. Aimee will pull sample policies from school districts for us to look at.

Upcoming events and meetings: FYI

Adjourn