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Ms. Cheryl A. Conley

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Helen Haffner

June 13, 2005

Chairperson Dr. Alf Logan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board took the following formal action:

- Approved the minutes of the May 9, 2005 regular meeting, as presented.
- Approved the recommendation that the closed session minutes of November 18, 1996, April 7, 1997, and May 12, 1997 remain closed at this time
- Approved payment of the June 13, 2005 bill list as reviewed and recommended by Bill List Committee Member Marlene Hunt, and authorized pre-approval of any outstanding FY 2005 budgeted expenditures.
- Approved the second reading of NDSEC's FY 2006 Budget for recommendation to the Governing Board for adoption as presented.
- Approved the adoption of the FY 2006 Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented and directed that copies be circulated in accordance with the act and made available to the public.
- Approved the NDSEC contract with Matheson, Moyski, Celer & Co., as presented, to perform
- Approved the end of NDSEC's participation in the Great-West Health Care and Life Insurance plans on June 30, 2005, and approved enrollment in the proposed Blue Cross and Blue Shield PPO Health Care Plan as presented, effective July 1, 2005.
- Approved the following personnel issues as presented with one revision (to remove the resignation of one educational support personnel, Amy Wuthrich, from the recommendation):
 - The resignation of four certified personnel
 - The recommendation to the Governing Board for the dismissal of two educational support personnel and one certified personnel
- Approved the NDSEC Employee Calendars for 2005-2006
- Approved the appointment of 24 certified personnel and 96 educational support personnel for the 2004-2005 Extended School Year Program
- Approved the recommendation to the Governing Board for ratification of the proposed Agreement between NDSEC Education Association and the Governing Board and North DuPage Special Education Cooperative from 2005-2006 through 2009-2010.
- Approved the following Additions to the June 13, 2005, Operational Board Agenda as presented:
 - The renewal of membership in the Illinois School District Agency for 2005-2006
 - Property Casualty Insurance
 - The renewal of the 2005-2006 Workers' Compensation Plan of Coverage

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

Finance Committee/Second Reading 2005-2006 Budget – Steve Epperson noted there were no changes for the second reading of the 2005-2006 proposed budget. A question was asked if the 10% increase in certified and classified salaries was due to new staff or raises in salary. The answer is it due to new user fee requests from districts, in addition to salary increases (in alignment with the Board-approved formula for increases). Although legal expenses for 2005 were minimal, the legal budget was kept at \$18,000, as a precaution.

The Fund Balance /Expenditures Summary – To obtain a summary approximation, estimated expenditures for the end of the year were entered in the chart from the budget. At the end of the fiscal year, an exact number will be available. Currently we are running behind last year's figures; however, additional fees will soon be received. The target percentage goal of fund balance to expenditures has been accomplished this year as desired.

Health Insurance - NDSEC Insurance Committee made the decision to change health insurance carriers from Great West Health Care to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, with approval of the Teachers' Union. A survey was distributed to members of the Union to obtain input on major concerns regarding insurance. Results of the survey were used in determining what type of health insurance coverage would be best. The Teacher's Union felt comfortable with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Plan, which has a more extensive list of preferred providers.

There will be a significant cost savings for single coverage with the Blue Cross plan. The cost of family coverage has increased, but is comparable with other plans on the market. To help employees offset the increase in family premiums, \$106 will be paid into a flex plan each year for those affected, for the duration of the Teacher's Contract. The overall cost of insurance has not gone up for NDSEC. However, since NDSEC has been self-insured with Great West, a \$172,000 "run-off" charge will have to be paid.

Worker's Compensation - The renewal rate for Worker's Compensation insurance increased approximately \$2,000 over last year's. The rate increase for property/casualty renewal is also minimal.

Negotiations Committee - Ken Cull reported on the Union Agreement at last month's meeting. Changes in the agreement were highlighted for the Board before ratification. The salary formula was kept in place, but parameters were set to allow all lanes to stay in alignment with the average percentage increase of salaries in NDSEC member districts.

Alf Logan thanked Ken Cull, Cheryl Conley, Joan Burger, and all staff who worked together on the agreement.

Executive Director's Report – A summary of Cheryl Conley's report to the Board was included in packets. The following topics were discussed.

Extended Year Program – There has been a large increase in the number of registered summer school students this year, totaling 178. The following are some of the factors related to the increase: A significant number of preschool children; students from out-of-district with LD or minimal ED that were not with us during the year; and students from NDSEC member districts that do not have their own program this year.

INFORMATION ITEMS – The Board reviewed the following information items included in their packets:

- ISBE Memo – Due Process Decisions
- Statement of Position – April, 2005
- Investment Summary – May, 2005
- Treasurer's Report – April, 2005

Dr. Logan adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Operational Board is Monday, August 8, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the NDSEC Administrative Center, 132 E. Pine Ave., Roselle, Illinois.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Executive Director Cheryl A. Conley at 894-0490.