

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING held Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the school board room.

The following Board Members were present: President Michelle Jorgenson, Vice President Harold Haynie, Shane Adams, and Stephen Allen. Becki Bronson excused herself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest with the agenda item being discussed. Also present were the following: Shannon Dulaney, Superintendent, Jennifer Wood, and Kevin Garrett. Kent F. Peterson, Business Administrator, was excused.

The purpose of the special meeting was to allow Intermountain Health Care/Valley View Medical Center (IHC/VVMC) and Iron County Sports Medicine (ICSM) to make presentations to the Board relative to the proposals they have previously submitted for providing certified athletic trainer services to the Iron District high schools.

Jason Wilson, hospital administrator at IHC/VVMC presented first. He addressed the inequities that currently exist within school districts in our State. He emphasized that parents make decisions as to who provides care for their students. The athletic trainer works as a coordinator of services. The Hospital Administrator will present end-of-year data to the Board and will give board members access to him throughout the year. Their desire is to include every clinic and provider within the Iron School District boundaries. His data showed that 50% of all sports injuries could be dealt with between the athletic trainer and the parent. 30% of injuries go to a primary care physician, 9% go to an orthopedic doctor, 8% go to other specialty doctors, and 3% to emergency rooms. Data on referrals indicated that 38% went to non-IHC providers and 62% to IHC providers. Mr. Wilson emphasized the non-profit or charity arm of IHC, which is part of their mission. Some programs they help with include family health care, children's justice care, Utah Summer Games service, Intermountain "Live Well" assembly, Cedar City Unplugged, and the SUU nursing program that provides student nurses in our hospitals and schools. He emphasized the desire of IHC/VVMC to do what is best for the students in Iron School District.

Scott Burns, local attorney, presented for ICSM. He chose to try and outline the differences between the IHC/VVMC proposal and the proposal from ICSM. He felt that the ICSM proposal offered more choice to students and parents. He also felt that it added some levels of care above the other proposal. He suggested that a partnership between the two groups might be the best scenario. A partnership would include sharing the costs of the salaries and benefits, paying for screenings, and promising choice for patient care. Dr. Clark and Dr. Harward, from Washington County, spoke about the implementation of the IHC proposal there and felt that it had impacted them negatively due to less patients being referred. Randy Forsyth, a physical therapist in Cedar City, felt the IHC proposal would negatively affect his business. He noted the years of free service he has given to student athletes and their schools along with free sideline services and personal support for school programs and activities. He felt that the board members should consider this in making their decision.

Superintendent Dulaney shared some thoughts provided by Superintendent Larry Bergeson of the Washington County School District regarding the athletic trainer program provided by IHC in his school district. They have had the program for several years and it has worked well.

Mr. Haynie asked if it was possible to have a win-win partnership with the two entities wanting to provide the athletic trainer services. Jason Wilson responded that in his opinion the program isn't just about the surgeons, doctors, and therapists. If the IHC proposal is selected, their athletic trainers will work with ALL who want to help. He indicated that ICSM doesn't need to contribute financially to this program. IHC will always give parents the choice of whom they want their student referred to. IHC would be willing to sign waivers if necessary that would indicate the parent can and will make the choice.

Mr. Adams asked Dr. Delcore to provide some input from his perspective. Dr. Delcore said it wasn't about his practice and his numbers but it was about his families and patients. Hospital delivered care is more expensive versus independent care. His fear was that changes with school administration and changes in school board members could change the processes in the future. He admitted that if ICSM's proposal is chosen that the risk of referrals to his group's physicians would be the same as it would be with the IHC organization.

Scott Burns reiterated what he has done in the past is to fight for the community's benefit. He still feels that the two entities can work together on this issue.

Jason Wilson again said that this is not a financial benefit for IHC but it is a charitable offer to the community. The business reason for this is not for profit. It is not a moneymaking proposition. IHC will support the Board's decision. He emphasized that IHC does not want to exclude anyone in offering this athletic trainer service to the district.

At 5:32 p.m. President Jorgenson moved to have the Board enter into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the athletic trainer proposals and the input received during this special board meeting. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. By voice vote the board members voted as follows:

President Jorgenson – Yes
Mr. Adams – Yes
Mr. Haynie – Yes
Mr. Allen – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The following persons were present for the closed session: Michelle Jorgenson, Stephen Allen, Shane Adams, Harold Haynie, and Shannon Dulaney.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss the athletic trainer proposals from IHC/VVMC and ICSM and evaluate the additional information and input received. The board members were still hopeful that the two entities could work out an agreement to partnership on this issue so it would become a win-win situation for all concerned.

At 5:57 p.m. Mr. Allen moved to have the Board meet again in open public session. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Mr. Haynie indicated that he wanted to encourage both entities to work together on a partnership proposal and did not want to accept either proposal at this time.

President Jorgensen asked both organizations to come to the table to work out a combined proposal. Is this possible? She gave them until Monday, April 14 to try and work this out.

Mr. Allen asked about the feasibility of a joint effort that is mutually beneficial to both parties. Jason Wilson expressed reservations. Scott Burns and Dr. Randy Delcore indicated they are willing to try.

Jason Wilson reminded everyone that this is not a long-term decision as the proposal is for one year only and there will be a new request for proposals one year from now.

On a motion made by Mr. Haynie and seconded by Mr. Allen the board meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


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I, Michelle Jorgensen, certify that I am the member of the Board of Education of the Iron County School District who presided at the closed meeting of the Board held on April 8, 2014. I hereby affirm, pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-7.5, that the sole purpose of holding this closed meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Signed:

Attest:

Michelle Jorgensen
Board Member

Kent F. Peterson
Business Administrator