

Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board

May 2, 2018

5: 30PM

Human Services Board Room

Education Fund Board Directors present included Sam Jones, Jeanne Mackowski, Cristina Magill, Norbert Turek, Chris Johnson and Kandise Gilbertson. Alissa Merage, Jill Brabec, Jay O'Hare, Jon Wade and Adam Alspach were absent. Also present were Linda Thomas (SSEF accountant); Brad Meeks and Tim Miles (SSSD); Rim Watson (Soroco); and Christy Sinner and Brian Hoza (Hayden). Sarah Katherman prepared the minutes.

- **Call to Order:**

Sam Jones called the meeting of the Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board to order at 5:30 PM.

- **Public and Advisory Board Comment:**

There was no public comment.

- **Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2018:**

**MOTION**

*Kandise moved to approve the EFB meeting minutes of April 4, 2018 as written. Jeanne seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.***

- **Committee Reports**

- Communications – Jeanne and Cristina reviewed a recent SSEF presentations at the SS middle school and SS high school. Jeanne said that she would be following up with EFB members to ensure that presentations are scheduled with community organizations. A one-page brochure will be created over the summer in preparation for later summer and early fall presentations.
- Governance – No report.
- Finance – No report.
- Small Issue Committee – Jeanne stated that the campaign should begin in earnest 4 – 6 weeks before the ballots are received by voters. Norbert will contact Gary Suiter to find out what other tax measures will be on the ballot in November. Sam reviewed the process through which the tax renewal measure will be placed on the ballot. The City has requested that the EFB draft the ballot language, to be reviewed and approved by the City. The City will then shepherd the measure through the remainder of the process.

- **Financial Report**

Linda reviewed the financial reports, as included in the meeting materials. She noted that the February sales tax deposits (received in April) were up 3.7% over forecast. The fiscal year-to-date deposits are up 9.23% over forecast. Linda noted that the approved budget for granting funding of \$4,150,000 and the target allocations are listed on the last page of the financial report. She stated that the final installment of the multi-year BOCES i3SEED grant would be paid this year. Sam recommended that the SSEF avoid future multi-year installment grants.

- **Review and Approval of Final Grants Budget**

Cristina and Kandise discussed the process through which the final recommendations for grant funding were made by the Grants Commission. Cristina noted that there had been some discussion/push-back regarding the allocation model, but that in the end the recommendations came very close to the target allocation guidelines. Cristina reviewed the changes that had been made to the recommendations from first reading to second reading. Cristina and Kandise agreed that the process had gone smoothly, with a minimum of contention. Sam noted that the recommendations came in exactly at the budgeted amount.

In response to comments that had been made at a recent SSSD BOE meeting, Jeanne asked about ELL staffing at SSSD. Brad explained that an additional 1.5 FTEs will be added to the ELL staff. He discussed how these positions will be distributed across the schools.

**MOTION**

*Norbert moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$199,762 for the Hayden School District. Cristina seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**MOTION**

*Norbert moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$178,800 for the South Routt School District. Kandise seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**MOTION**

*Jeanne moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$3,295,596 for the Steamboat Springs School District. Kandise seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**MOTION**

*Norbert moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$145,000 for the Mountain Valley Montessori Charter School. Chris seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**MOTION**

*Norbert moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$189,842 for Community Group and Innovation Grants. Jeanne seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**MOTION**

*Norbert moved to approve a total grant allocation of \$111,000 for the Collaborative Grants. Chris seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**The complete list of individual grants is provided at the end of this document.**

- **Ballot language for the renewal of the ½ cent sales tax that supports the SSEF**

Sam reviewed the ballot language from 2008, which included two measures: Referendum 2A, authorizing the City to continue to collect and use a ½-cent sales tax for educational purposes; and Referendum 2B, authorizing the SSEF to share a portion of the proceeds of the tax with other school districts in Routt County, in addition to the SS RE-2 school district.

It was noted that neither measure includes the stipulation that the tax supports only public schools. There was also discussion of why the measure was split into two parts. Norbert said that he would consult with Paul Sacks about this issue. Jeanne offered that it might have been separated to hedge against 2B failing. In 2008, both measures passed at nearly identical rates of over 70%.

Jeanne noted that Referendum 2B refers specifically to “school districts” and asked if MVMVCS qualifies as a district. The EFB also discussed the language of the agreement with the City regarding the management and dispersal of the proceeds from the tax. It was agreed that the language of the ballot measure and the agreement should be consistent. Sam said that he would work with Dan Foote from the City over the summer on amending the agreement.

Sam suggested that two ballot questions from 2008 could be combined into a single referendum. He suggested that the language could be broadened to refer to “public schools in Routt County.” Jeanne expressed concern with making changes to the measure that is being promoted as a renewal.

It was also noted that the ballot measures from 2008 do not refer specifically to K-12 education. There was a discussion of the funding mechanisms for pre-school education. Norbert offered that narrowing the ballot measure would only serve to limit the options of future Boards. Sam agreed, and suggested that the language was intentionally left open-ended. He suggested that specifics could be addressed through the by-laws and policies & procedures. Brian noted that prior to the vote in 2008, the SSEF was already considering funding projects outside the RE-2 district and wanted to make sure that doing so was supported by the voters. Tim suggested that leaving the ballot measure as two separate questions would re-confirm this support.

There was consensus to modify the language to include “public schools” and to specify “Routt County” and to consolidate the questions into a single referendum unless Paul Sachs or Dan Foote objects. It was decided that a draft of the proposed ballot language would be distributed to the EFB via email, and if there were no objections, the proposed language could be forwarded to the City without further action by the EFB. If there is need for further discussion, an EFB meeting could be held at the regular meeting time in June. Otherwise, there is no reason for a June meeting.

- **Vacancies**

Sam stated Alissa would not be renewing her position on the EFB, and that he had not yet heard back from Jill. All other members are returning. Sam said that all GC members are returning, with the possible exception of Paul, who has not yet responded.

Sarah said that Jenny would ask for volunteers among the returning GC members to shorten their terms to one year in an effort to balance out the expiration years. Cristina suggested that it might be appropriate to consider moving to three-year terms.

- **Officers**

Sam announced that all current officers had agreed to continue in their positions through the 2018-19 school year.

- **Topics for summer sessions**

Sam proposed the following dates and times for summer work sessions: June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 11:00) and August 15<sup>th</sup> (10:00 – noon). Topics to be discussed include:

- Develop a one-page brochure for SSEF presentations
- Discuss pre-K, dual enrollment and other possible expansions to SSEF funding
- Discuss desired changes to agreement between SSEF and the City
- GC term adjustments
- Clarification of application Q & A procedure

- **Adjourn MOTION**

*Norbert moved to adjourn the meeting; Cristina seconded. The EFB meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

Grant #	Grant Title	Approved
		May 2018 2018-2019
G19-01-H	Hayden Technology Staff	\$50,762
G19-02-H	Hayden Technology Hardware	\$40,000
G19-03-H	Hayden Technology Network	\$60,000
G19-04-H	Hayden Technology Software	\$15,000
G19-05-H	HDN Intervention Staff MS	\$34,000
	<b>total Hayden</b>	<b>\$199,762</b>
G19-06-SR	SR Technology Hardware	\$52,140
G19-07-SR	SR Technology Network	\$44,660
G19-08-SR	SR Elementary Reading Curriculum	\$15,000
G19-09-SR	SR GT Coordinator (.44 FTE)	\$7,000
G19-10-SR	SR Math STEM Teacher (.3 FTE)	\$30,000
G19-11-SR	SR Instructional Coach (.5 FTE)	\$30,000
	<b>total South Routt</b>	<b>\$178,800</b>
G19-12-SBS	SSSD Academic Excellence (17 FTE)	\$1,430,000
G19-13-SBS	SSSD ELL	\$180,000
G19-14-SBS	SSSD GT	\$110,000
G19-15-SBS	SSSD Instructional Coaches (2 FTE)	\$160,000
G19-16-SBS	SSSD Professional Development	\$30,000
G19-17-SBS	SSHS Adaptive PE	\$15,000
G19-18-SBS	SSSD Mental Health Services Supports	\$100,000
G19-19-SBS	SSSD Curriculum Support Materials	\$158,000
G19-20-SBS	SSSD Performing Arts Equipment	\$12,500
G19-21-SBS	SSSD Behavior Specialist (2 FTE)	\$80,000
G19-22-SBS	SSSD Technology Staff	\$130,000
G19-23-SBS	SSSD Technology Hardware	\$300,000
G19-24-SBS	SSSD Technology Hardware - Onetime	\$90,000
G19-25-SBS	SSSD Technology Network	\$251,000
G19-26-SBS	SSSD Technology Software	\$150,000
G19-27-SBS	NRCCS Instructional Coach/Data Specialist	\$45,356
G19-28-SBS	NRCSS Math Instructional Aide	\$41,870
G19-29-SBS	NRCSS Art Enrichment	\$11,870

	<b>total Steamboat Springs</b>	<b>\$3,295,596</b>
G19-30-MS	MVMCS Creative Arts Enrichment Coordinator	\$10,000
G19-31-MS	MVMCS Literacy Specialist & Interventionist	\$60,000
G19-32-MS	MVMCS ESL and Spanish Teacher	\$30,000
G19-33-MS	MVMCS Instructional Coach/Assessment Coordinator/Data Specialist	\$45,000
	<b>total MVMCS</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>
G19-34-COM	Yampatika Environmental Literacy	\$22,000
G19-35-COM	RMYC Science School	\$38,000
G19-36-COM	Partners Middle School Mentors	\$40,000
G19-37-COM	Integrated Community	\$10,000
G19-38-COM	Yampa Valley Autism Program	\$5,000
G19-39-COM	Junior Achievement	\$10,000
G19-40-COM	Opera in the Schools Program	\$2,000
G19-41-COM	Northwest Colorado Health Youth Resiliency	\$25,000
G19-42-COM	Youth Orchestra Immersion Weekends	\$2,000
G19-43-INN	Innovation: Google Expedition Goggles	\$4,000
G19-44-INN	Innovation: Project Adventure	\$2,500
G19-45-INN	Innovation: Robots	\$1,212
G19-46-INN	Innovation: Here Comes the Sun	\$1,584
G19-47-INN	Innovation: Office Translate	\$845
G19-48-INN	Innovation: New PE: Heart Rate Monitors	\$5,332
G19-49-INN	Innovation: STEM, VR Headsets and Gizmos	\$11,769
G19-50-INN	Innovation: SSSH Orchestra	\$8,600
	<b>total Community Groups &amp; Innovation</b>	<b>\$189,842</b>
G19-51-SR/H/SBS	Grant Writer	\$78,000
G19-52-SR/H/SBS	i3 SEED Federal Match	\$33,000
	<b>total Collaborative Grants</b>	<b>\$111,000</b>
G18-53-A	Administrative Expenses	\$30,000
	<b>total Admin Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>Total Granted Budget for 2018-2019</b>	<b>\$4,150,000</b>