

Members of the Straight A Fund Governing Board

Dr. Richard Ross	Kristina Phillips-Schwartz
Rep. Gerald Stebelton	Supt. John Scheu
Alex Fischer	Rep. Andrew Brenner
Sen. Peggy Lehner	

Ohio Department of Education Staff in Attendance

Dr. Susan Zelman	P.R. Casey
Immy Singh	Rachel Landerman
Donald Leming	Londa Schwierking
	Katherine Harper

The sixth meeting of the Straight A Fund Governing Board was convened on March 14, 2013 at 02:00 pm by the Chairperson of the Governing Board, Alex Fischer.

Dr. Ross motioned to accept the minutes from the fifth meeting of the Straight A Fund Governing Board. Rep. Brenner seconded the motion. There was no debate and the minutes were accepted.

Program Update

Dr. Zelman outlined the items on the agenda. Dr. Zelman briefed the Board on the Straight A Fund webinars and regional workshops. Information regarding the webinars and workshops can be found on the Straight A Fund website.

Mid-year review of the FY14 grant awardees will begin this month. The Board will be briefed at the next meeting.

Changes in House Bill 342 and MBR

Dr. Zelman explained language in the MBR proposes rollover of funds be granted for one year for FY14 grantees. It also exempts Early College awardees are exempt from the College Credit Plus during the grant period.

Dr. Zelman outlined changes from HB 342, including: priority given to high quality grants that show cost-savings, changes to fiscal allocation- from \$5 million to \$1million for individual applicants. ESCs can be a lead applicant in a consortium. County Boards of Developmental Disabilities can be members of a consortium. The timeframe has changed from 75-90 days.

A fourth goal was added to the grant regarding shared services. Applicants are directed to a report by the Controlling Board and the State Auditor's office. Goal two was amended.

Changes to Bylaws

The Governing Board Bylaws were updated to reflect the changes in legislation. The Board was asked to review and adopt the new Bylaws. Rep. Gerald Stebelton motioned, Dr Richard Ross seconded. Rep. Andrew Brenner – discussion -referred to the statute.

Alternative Fiscal Measures

Donald Leming presented the suggested Alternative Fiscal Measures. These measures include a revised financial impact table, Budget approved by a board or its equivalent, ESCs use the ESC tab and IHE and County Boards of DD use nontraditional tab. Motion to approve Alternative Fiscal Measures, Sen. Peggy Lehner, Supt. John Scheu seconded.

Supplemental Financial Reporting Metrics

Recommend that this metric be adopted as a supplemental measure. Rep. Brenner raised concerns that this form may create a competitive disadvantage if not filled out. This form will now be required, with ability to explain if the data is not available to lead applicant. Rep. Andrew Brenner motion, Sen. Peggy Lehner second.

Evaluating Cost Savings

Donald Leming presented the cost savings formula. An application has greater cost savings when it has a greater ratio of cost savings to grant amount requested. This method would provide a fair comparison between different sized or dollar amount grants. This would be only used for the finalists. Motion to approve: Kristina Phillips-Schwartz Second Rep. Gerald Stebelton.

Revised Application

Dr. Zelman describes the changes to the application and guidance. Changes were made to questions 6, 9, 11, 14, 15 and 24. The Program assurances have been

updated to verify their fiscal information has been approved by their governing board or equivalent. Motion Dr. Richard Ross, Second Sen. Peggy Lehner.

Revised Timeline

Dr. Zelman presented to the Board the revised timeline. The timeline rationale was discussed. The May 19 meeting will be moved to May 21. The June 23 & 27 move to June 16 & 20. The finalized timeline will be sent to the Board with times and dates.

Other Business

A letter was sent to the Governing Board regarding the scoring process and their view of Community Schools.

Close of Meeting

Alex Fischer closes meeting.