



EQUITY ALLIANCE MN BOARD MEETING

APRIL 20, 2022

5:30 P.M. GENERAL MEETING

6063 HUDSON ROAD, SUITE 218, WOODBURY, MN 55125

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Michael Boguszewski, Board Chair, at 5:33pm.

ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

ISD 623: Roseville

ISD 831: Forest Lake

ISD 624: White Bear Lake

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Boguszewski - Chair

Rob Rapheal - Treasurer

Jessica Ellison - Clerk

STAFF:

Dr. Alex Hermida, Executive Director; Claire Olson, Program and Organizational Support Specialist; Kathy Miller, Business Manager

GUESTS:

Stephani Atkins, StoryArk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ellison (ISD 624) moved to approve the agenda. Raphael (ISD 831) seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve the agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

OPEN FORUM

There were no public comments made.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ellison (ISD 624) moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Raphael (ISD 831) seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Linda Diaz (ISD 006) arrived at 5:35pm.

FOCUS AREA #1: PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT EDUCATE AND SUPPORT STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES AND DIMINISH BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY:

- I. EA-MN and StoryArk Partnership Update - Dr. Alex Hermida and Stephani Atkins, Executive Director, StoryArk
 - A. Alex spoke about the transitional period and his hope for a path forward. He then introduced Stephani Atkins.
 - B. Stephani presented on past and current programming at StoryArk. She presented ripple effect mapping to show the impact of the programming on students, which can be found at <https://www.storyark.org>. StoryArk received \$45,000 from the Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Program (NIGP) to determine how Equity Alliance MN and StoryArk could strategically align. Stephani presented the potential for partnership and the power of the braided funding approach.

FOCUS AREA #2: LEAD REGIONAL DIALOGUE, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION FOR EQUITABLE EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND OUTCOMES:

FOCUS AREA #3: STRENGTHEN EQUITY ALLIANCE MN'S BUSINESS MODEL TO PROMOTE OUR OWN FISCAL AUTONOMY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GROWTH:

I. Member District Commitments for FY23 and Next Steps

CHAIR UPDATE

Each of the five member boards would need to separately vote to change the Joint Powers Agreement.

White Bear Lake Area Schools voted to withdraw from East Metro Integration District 6067. It was not submitted prior to February 1, so it will not be effective until June 30, 2023.

The superintendents could ask their Board to terminate the JPA effective June 30, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE

Ellison (ISD 624) said their board is talking about switching their election years to even years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD FORUM

Ellison suggested going through the JPA with the lawyer to determine what the next steps are.

Diaz expressed support for the partnership both philosophically and creatively.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Boguszewski adjourned the meeting at 7:34PM.