

Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Draft Minutes for Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2012
VIB - Charlottesville

Call to Order: Chairperson Bob Dendy called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. He asked Board members and staff for introductions.

Members Present: Bob Dendy, Chairperson; Marc Johnson, Marsha Hester, and Ron Hamm

Staff Present: Ray Hopkins, Commissioner; Bob Burton, Deputy Commissioner for Services; Eva Ampey, Special Assistant to the Commissioner; and Henry Street, Staff Assistant, Recorder

Guest to include:

Marge Owens, Susan Payne, Glen Slonneger

Agenda:

Approved with an addition from Ms. Ampey to discuss a report received from the Bank of Virginia

Minutes:

Mr. Hamm moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Hester second the motion. Minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner's Report: Presented by Commissioner Hopkins

- Commissioner Hopkins introduced Marge Owens and Susan Payne. Glen Slonneger came in later. He explained that he

wanted the Board to be familiar with and interact with DBVI Staff

- DBVI has an approved budget for the year. Gave DBVI Budget Report
- Reported on Super Summer Camp; which was a tremendous success. 52 blind young people attended. Positive feedback from the parents
- Reported that the VRCBVI has just completed the summer LIFE (Learning Independence Feeling Empowered) program.
- Notified from DOE that they have received something from the AG office that the instructional materials provided for school age students through IDEA (Individuals with Disability Education Act) that the alternative instructional material center that is funded under that can't provide materials to students unless they have an IEP (Individual Education Plan).
- We have not officially heard anything on any new appointments to the Board. I have contacted the Secretary of the Commonwealth that responded with "we are working on it". We have made them fully aware that there are only four members remaining on the Board.

Update on Endowment Fund Expenditures and Receipts

Report: Presented By Eva Ampey

This report is for the quarter ending on June 30, 2012:

Receipts = \$3,038

Expenditures = \$ 38,899.00

Update on capital outlay projects:

Generator Project (2014 budget); Cafeteria Project; Recreation Bldg Project; Library and Resource Center (LRC) Project; Headquarters Project; Maintenance Bldg Project; Security Camera Project; Door Lock Replacement Project;

Proposed Endowment Budget Discussion:

REQUEST:

- BELL is requesting \$15K this year; an increase of \$5k (Additional information was received and distributed – per Board’s request. Awarded \$15)
- Virginia Voice \$30K this year; an increase of \$5K (Additional information was received and distributed – per Board’s request. Awarded \$25)

Question raised by Mr. Dendy which required the following explanation given by Ms. Ampey prior to budget discussion:

John Dunn quarterly income to Board Endowment Fund for this quarter equals \$61,000.00 to be distributed at the end of August.
Measurable projects

Budget Discussion:

Board members are still concerned with the repeated request from the same organization. There is a consensus that they have become dependent upon the funds provided through the Board. However in favor of supporting the organization, but may want to make adjustments moving forward. Don’t want to be seen as a life support.

After discussion, Mr. Johnson motioned that Board fund the BELL program with \$15,000.00, per the request. Ms. Hester seconded the motioned.

This is a level funding for this year but will communicate to Virginia Voice being more specific with how the Board's funding fits into their long term sustainability policy.

After discussion, Mr. Dendy called for a motioned to fund the Virginia Voice with \$25,000.00, but not the \$30,000.00 per the request. Mr. Hamm seconded the motioned.

Commissioner Hopkins will draft correspondence to the Virginia Voice addressing this issue for Board to approve.

2013 Meeting dates were presented to Board by Ms. Ampey: January 8, 2013; April 9, 2013; July 9, 2013; October 8, 2013

To this end the next Board meeting will be scheduled for October 30, 2012.

Virginia Industries for the Blind: Presented by Jim Meehan

Absent due to VIB Strategic Planning process. Commissioner Hopkins gave a general update on VIB activities.

Division for Services Report: Presented by Bob Burton.

- **Update on Regional Offices personnel**

Bristol- Recruiting for a VR Counselor

Roanoke – Recruiting for VR Counselor and DB Specialist

Staunton-Stable

Fairfax-Recruiting for O&M Specialist and Education Coordinator

Richmond – Recruiting for VR Counselor and Education Coordinator

Norfolk – New VR Counselor hired. Will be recruiting for Rehab Teacher and O&M Specialist

Headquarters – Recruiting for VR Customer Satisfaction Compliance Analyst

Rehab Center – Recruiting for 2 O&M Specialist, 1 Computer Instructor, 1 Vocational Evaluator, 1 Assistant Director for Administration, 1 Fiscal Assistant.

Mr. Burton asked the attending managers if they wished to report.

Mr. Slonneger came in after the meeting had started. He added on to the Commissioners comments.

Ms. Payne reported on the Job Placement Positions.

Ms Owens gave Low Vision report.

Hamm made the motion to adjourn

Next Quarterly meeting is scheduled to convene on 30 October, 2012 at DBVI Headquarters at 1:00 p.m.