

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
1800 GRAND AVENUE  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**

**SPECIAL MEETING — 4:09 p.m.**

The Board of Directors met in a special session on Friday, September 7, 2012, 1800 Grand Avenue; Teree Caldwell-Johnson presiding.

Present: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 4:10 p.m.**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Murphy, second by Ms. Elsbernd. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney  
Nay: None

Motion passed 7-0.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS — 4:10 p.m.**

1. Resolution approving applications for Community Betterment Grant .....1  
Awards from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. (passed 7-0)

**ADJOURN — 4:18 p.m.** The board went into a work session following adjournment.



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**Item No. 1****Page 1 of 4****Subject: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO, INC.****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper  
(thomas.harper@dmschools.org; 242-7745)****Attachment: NONE**

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**Issue:** A process implemented by Prairie Meadows in 2010 requires the Board to submit a completed resolution stating their approval of the submission of all Community Betterment Grant Applications for the district as ranked in order of need as determined by the Board of Directors, at its discretion.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the board adopt the proposed resolution as recommended by a district review committee.

**Background:** Per notification from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino:

"All organizations associated with a school district, city or county must submit their Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Application to their governing board of directors for approval of application to Prairie Meadows prior to Friday, September 14, 2012.

The governing organization (school board, county board of supervisors or city council) is required to pass a Board Resolution ranking in order their funding priorities for the grant applications that will be submitted. A copy of the signed and dated Board Resolution must accompany each grant application.

Any application from an organization associated with a school district, city or county that is not accompanied by a signed and dated Board Resolution will not be considered for funding.

Examples of associated organizations include:

School Districts: Booster Clubs, PTO/PTA, Schools, Classes, Alumni Associations, Sports Teams, Clubs, Foundations, etc."

An invitation to apply was sent to all district schools and departments. Nineteen applications were received, totaling \$257,456, which is not unexpected given the scarcity of resources available to satisfy the many needs of district schools and programs.

To aid the Board in carrying out their duties, all 19 grant applications received were reviewed and a prioritized list was prepared by a committee of district officials chosen by the superintendent. The committee included the K-12 Executive Directors, Executive Director of Learning Services, Executive Director of Student and Family Services, Executive Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment, Executive Director of Human Resources, COO, and CFO.

Criteria used by the committee included all of the criteria important to Prairie Meadows, as well as criteria important to the district. These criteria were ranked in order of importance by committee members, as follows:

- Aligns with Prairie Meadows funding priority for education.
- Meets school (or community) needs.
- Has a measurable impact on students that will lead to meaningful evaluation.
- Aligns with DMPS Graduate Ends.
- Has a proven track record of success, or is research-based.
- Is sustainable over the long-term or is asking for one-time costs.

Applications were scored by each committee member and assigned a numeric value to determine overall rank of importance. Committee member's rankings were then averaged to determine overall rankings of the submitted applications, with a 1 assigned to the highest scoring application and a 19 assigned to the lowest scoring application. Therefore, the application with the lowest overall score was determined to be the highest in importance and received a "1" in the chart below. The resolution below includes the ranking of all applications with the highest prioritized project or program ranked first.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DES MOINES INDEPENDENT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSED  
OF RECEIVING COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANT AWARDS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS  
RACETRACK AND CASINO**

WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. has Community Betterment grant funds available that target Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education and Health and Human Services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is supportive of these applications for the betterment of their schools, students, and communities, and

WHEREAS, all applications from the Des Moines Independent Community School District and/or from organizations with projects that benefit DMICSD students, will be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. by the September 14, 2012 deadline,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Des Moines Independent Community School District that the 19 following Community Betterment grant applications to be submitted to Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. for the September 14, 2012, application deadline:

<b>RANK</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>REQUEST AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON FOR RANK: <i>Total Score (Lowest possible score is a 19)</i></b>
1.	<b>DMPS Learning Services</b> (Ron Sallade Children's School Clothing Program)	\$ 10,000.00	34
2.	<b>Hiatt Middle School</b> (Breaking Bounds at the YMCA Camp)	\$ 8,000.00	37

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3.	<b>Hillis Elementary School</b> (Summer Enrichment Program)	\$ 7,418.00	39
4.	<b>Library Support Group</b> (Rainbow Reading Project)	\$ 10,000.00	39
5.	<b>DMPS Brother to Brother</b> (Brother 2 Brother)	\$ 20,000.00	54
6.	<b>East High School: Family &amp; Consumer Sciences</b> (Learning from Nature: School Gardening)	\$ 10,000.00	58
7.	<b>DMPS 8th grade tackle football</b> (8th grade tackle football)	\$ 24,820.00	60
8.	<b>DMPS Community in Schools</b> (Jump Start Attendance Program)	\$ 14,000.00	65
9.	<b>Perkins Elementary School</b> (21st Century Math)	\$ 5,000.00	69
10.	<b>Monroe Elementary School</b> (Improve Student Engagement & Teacher Feedback)	\$ 19,784.00	72
11.	<b>Studebaker Elementary School</b> (School/home collaboration)	\$ 11,380.00	74
12.	<b>Park Avenue Elementary School</b> (Everyday Learning with Everyday Technology)	\$ 12,800.00	77
13.	<b>Goodrell Middle School</b> (Technology for 21st Century Learners)	\$ 25,000.00	80
14.	<b>East High School: Library Media Center</b> (21st Century Multimedia Project)	\$ 20,000.00	83
15.	<b>River Woods Elementary School (RW Technology Grant)</b>	\$ 10,038.75	87

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16.	<b>Central Campus: Culinary Arts</b> (Cooking Up Learners)	\$ 13,150.00	93
17.	<b>Callanan Middle School</b> (Theater Curtains)	\$ 10,000.00	99
18.	<b>Hanawalt PTA</b> (Hanawalt Technology Initiative)	\$ 16,000.00	101
19.	<b>Central Campus: Early Childhood</b> (Field trip to Chicago)	\$ 10,065.00	108

Passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

### **MINUTES**

A motion to approve the resolution to approve the Community Betterment Awards from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc. was moved by Mr. Murphy, second by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Ahart will check if the amount of total grants requested is less than an amount designated for the district. If so, an additional submission will be included and approved telephonically.

The board agreed that additional information be provided for board discussion prior to next year's round of applications to determine if guidelines should be established and to review district funding.

AYE: Boesen, Caldwell-Johnson, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy, Sweeney

NAY: None

Motion passed 7-0.