

Resolution 2324R-005

By Directors Zombor and Leonard

WHEREAS, Board Governance Policy 2.01 states that in all matters of planning, governance, and accountability, the Board shall recognize its responsibility to the people of the City of Milwaukee and of the State of Wisconsin to use all funds for the greatest possible effect in fulfilling the Board's goals of student achievement and equity; and

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Board of School Directors has traditionally maintained a contractual relationship with the Milwaukee Education Partnership (MEP); and

WHEREAS, Annually, at the April Organizational Board Meeting, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors designates a Board Representative to the Milwaukee Education Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Recent media scrutiny has alleged that The Milwaukee Education Partnership has listed board officers without their knowledge on tax filings including the Milwaukee Mayor; State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent; Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) President; and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UW-M) Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, The MPS Contractor Code of Conduct, as outlined in Administrative Policy 3.14, states that "[a]ll contractors are expected to conduct any and all business affiliated with MPS in an ethical and responsible manner that fosters integrity and public confidence"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Office of Accountability and Efficiency and the Administration shall collaborate, as set forth in Administrative Policy 3.14, to review the concerns raised regarding the MEP; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to hold from consideration any new contract, or any contract renewals with the Milwaukee Education Partnership until the review is completed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board shall hold from designating a representative to the Milwaukee Education Partnership until the review above is completed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to hold the allocation of \$75,000 in the FY 2023-24 budget for the Milwaukee Education Partnership, until the review above is complete.

Introduced November 16, 2023