

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on April 22, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Mr. Zick (AFC), Ms. Bua (ST), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Mr. Shepherd (AM), and Dr. Mattingly (OR).

Also present: Mr. Noble, Mr. Tom Mahoney, Ms. Amy Jo Clemens, and Ms. Bettina Wiltse

Absent members: Dr. Fostiak (BY), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Rademacher (PO) Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), and Mr. Craven (RT).

Mr. Taylor asked if there was a Regional Office of Education update Ms. Clemens said the Superintendent meeting will be on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Christopher Koch will not be available at the April meeting but will be able to attend the meeting in June. Ms. Clemens also thanked the members who met with her for lunch to discuss issues.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 Executive Board meetings. Dr. Mattingly motioned and it was seconded by Dr. Mayberry.

Ayes: Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick, Mr. Taylor, Dr. Mattingly, Ms. Bua, Dr. Kokaska, and Dr. Mayberry.

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Ms. Bua motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Dr. Mattingly seconded the motion.

Ayes: Dr. Mattingly, Ms. Bua, Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Zick.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble requested the board to approve the employment of Ms. Samantha Buss, Social Work Intern. Mr. Buss is currently working at Focus House. OCEC would pay Ms. Buss a salary equal to the amount of personnel reimbursement. Therefore, there would be no cost for the intern position. She would work 20 hours per week with no benefits. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the employment of Ms. Buss as requested by the director with a second by Dr. Mattingly.

Ayes: Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Mattingly, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Zick, Mr. Bob Prusator, Ms. Bua, Dr. Mayberry and Mr. Shepherd.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Bettina Wiltse had a video presentation on the 2009-10 STEP Work Program. The STEP work program helps meet Indicator 13 by assisting youth with identifying an employment goal & working to achieve that goal. Students in the program begin working at a level they are capable of and begin work skills through job coaching. A goal for STEP students is to work at their highest potential in the community and be in an employer paid position prior to graduation. The STEP program, in cooperation with the Ogle County Courthouse & Marty Typer, Circuit Clerk, developed a local paper shredding service in November 2009. Mr. Typer supplied shredder machines, supplies, maintenance and a locked storage facility. The STEP students pick up paper to be shredded from local businesses, shred the paper, and then drop-off to MoPar which use the material for packaging. These services can also be provided to district schools.

Mr. Noble shared results from the third quarter revenue & expenditure report. Currently the expenditures are in line with the budget. The remainder of the FY11 school year and the summer months are a concern due to lack of payments from Personnel, Transportation, Byron, IDEA dollars and the RSSP grant. Mr. Noble requested districts to pay their first FY11 installment in July. Discussion followed as to the possibility of needing a loan to carry OCEC through the remainder of the year until payments are received.

Mr. Noble discussed the results of the FY09 Special Education Profile report to the districts. There was an overall 1.4% increase in Special Education from the previous year which was the first increase within the past five years. Various charts were developed including the percentage of district enrollment who are disabled and the comparison of total child count for the county, state and individual district compared to previous school years, and enrollment identified with various disabilities. Also included were charts containing EE codes. Mr. Noble mentioned the state monitors the EE codes very closely.

Mr. Stott entered the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Noble discussed the 2008/09 Illinois State Performance Plan. In the month of March, each district received their 2008-09 compliance report. All the districts within the Cooperative received a score of "4" and a rating of "Meets Requirement". Mr. Noble mentioned that the Indicator 20 report is due on or before August 15th and it is critical the report be completed on time.

Mr. Noble requested the renewal of the OT Hillman Pediatric Therapy contract for the FY11 school year for one full-time Occupation Therapist. The contract is for 172 days for just under \$84,000 which includes salary, benefits, supplies and travel. This is the same amount that was budgeted for FY10. Mr. Noble researched other contract services and found Hillman to be at the lowest daily rate. Mr. Stott

motioned to approve the renewal of the Hillman Pediatric Therapy contract as recommended by the director and Ms. Bua seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended the board approve the FY10 Audit Engagement from Benning Group Inc. The cost for the FY10 audit will be \$9,120. Dr. Mattingly motioned to approve the Audit Engagement as requested by the director and Mr. Stott seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Dr. Mayberry, to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel and pending litigation. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick, Dr. Kokaska, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stott, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mattingly, and Ms. Bua.

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 10:24 a.m.

Dr. Mayberry moved, with a second by Mr. Bob Prusator to leave Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Zick, Mr. Shepherd, Dr. Kokaska, Dr. Mayberry, Ms. Bua, Mr. Stott, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mattingly, and Mr. Taylor.

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went out of closed session at 10:30 a.m.

There were no actions on matters following closed session.

Mr. Noble stated the Doran family donated \$1,500 to the Chana Education Center for appreciation of their student attending the school.

Mr. Noble stated a parent of a student nominated Ms. Jeanette Tartaglia for the IDEA award for her outstanding service.

Mr. Noble distributed a spreadsheet with various scenarios of Hiawatha joining the cooperative. There were no actions taken on the membership of Hiawatha joining. Discussion followed.

At 10:45 a.m. the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Dr. Mayberry motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting and Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary