

**OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

The Governing Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron, on August 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

President Griffin called the meeting to order for Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Budget. The following members answered the roll call:

Mr. McGinness (ES), Mr. Kern (FO), Ms. Hardt (KI), Mr. Pierce (ME), Ms. Uphoff (AFC), Ms. Delille (ST), Ms. Griffin (OR), and Mr. Becker (AM).

Also present: Mr. Noble and Mr. Brent Scholl (PO).

Members absent: Ms. Payton (CR), Mr. Schmidt (PO), Ms. Tess (RE), Mr. Walsh (RTHS), and Mr. Adams (BY).

Ms. Griffin stated there would be a public hearing on the FY 2010 Budget. Mr. Noble stated since there were no visitors present to address the FY 2010 Budget, the public hearing could be closed. Mr. Kern then moved, with a second by Ms. Hardt, to close the public hearing. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Delille, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Becker.

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the public hearing was closed.

President Griffin called the Regular Meeting to order and the following members answered the roll call:

Ayes: Mr. McGinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Delille, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Becker.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Ms. Griffin requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 board meeting. Mr. Pierce moved, with a second by Mr. McGinness, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Delille, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Becker.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with a Budget Comparison from the final actual costs of FY09 to that of the proposed FY10 budget and explained any major differences in revenues and expenditures for the various line items. Mr. Noble then commented on facts that impacted the FY10 budget such as the ARRA IDEA & Preschool Revenue and Expenditures, Life Skills was reduced due to one less teacher and three aides, and the Autism classroom would not continue in the FY10 school year. Mr. Noble also shared information on the outside placement student costs and the individual aide costs that all districts shared in these expenses. Mr. Noble presented a PowerPoint overview of the budget and central cost billing procedures which include Life Skills, Speech, Vision, Hearing, SSW's, Health, Psychologist and Governing Board Services. He also discussed the 50/50 child count process in the billing and that the IDEA credit is based on child count. He also explained the subgrant funds that flow from the Cooperative to the member school districts. Mr. Kern asked that on the future Budget Comparisons, if the number of staff member could be listed in each category. Mr. Noble will do this on the next comparison report. There was no further discussion.

Ms. Griffin then requested a motion to adopt the FY 10 Budget. Ms. Hardt moved, with a second by Mr. Becker, to adopt the FY 10 Budget as presented. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Delille, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Scholl

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble presented the board meeting schedule for the 2009-10 school year. He recommended that meetings be held on March 25, 2010 and August 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., and stated if any additional meetings became necessary, board members would be notified. Ms. Hardt moved, with a second by Mr. Pierce, that the board meeting schedule for FY 10 be approved. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board regarding Board Policies for second reading and approval. He stated the following policies have been newly added or amended by the Illinois Association of School Boards and have previously been reviewed in a first reading by the Executive Board: *2:220-EI Exhibit – Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records and Minutes; 4;120-AP-Operational Services, Administrative Procedures – Food Services; 4;130-Operational Services, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; 4;170-Operation Services, Safety; and 4;170-API-Operational Services, Administrative Procedure-Comprehensive Safety and Crisis Program.* Mr. Kern asked if all drills and evacuations have been addressed in each building since classrooms have been rearranged. Mr. Noble said all policies are in place. Ms. Griffin asked about the destroying of past closed minutes and Mr. Noble responded by saying this will be done at the next meeting. Mr. Kern moved, with a second by Ms. Delille, to adopt the board policies as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Delille, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Scholl.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble briefly discussed the classroom locations for the OCEC programs. The Elementary Life Skills is located at Highland, Meridian School district. The elementary class was originally planned to be at the Polo School district but because of bus issues, this needed to be changed. The Middle Life Skills classroom is located at the Polo School District, High School Life Skills is in Oregon and the Elementary Behavior Disorder classroom is at the Chana Education Center. Mr. Noble is hopeful for the FY11 school year that the classes will be more centrally located. This has also increased expenses in our travel accounts for the itinerant staff.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board on Medicaid reimbursement. Revenue is received from random time studies. There are changes this year staff is asked to respond by email at a specific time as to what they are doing at that moment. Reimbursement increased significantly from FY08 to FY09 due to a lawsuit. Districts received adjustment reimbursement checks from FY04.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board on the curriculum for the Life Skills classroom. The Unique Learning System will be used by all the teachers. Life Skill students are tested and included in the overall test scores of the districts. A brief presentation was shared on the Unique Learning System. The system is from News2You.

The Executive Session did not meet to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, and potential litigation.

President's comments and other business were discussed by Mr. Noble. Presented were handouts of the Needs Assessment survey for services needed from OCEC. The top three responses in each category of Service Type, Technical Assistance and Addition Needs, Supports and Inservices were used with goals to work towards in helping districts in FY 10. Mr. Noble also shared information regarding the BDIS Web based IEP training that took place prior to the start of the school year. 130 members attended the trainings that were held at Rochelle High School and Oregon High School. The State updates the IEP program if and when there are any changes.

Ms. Tess arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Becker asked when the Regional Board hearing would be held. Mr. Noble stated it is scheduled for September 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Farm Bureau building in Oregon which is open to the public. He also shared with the board that the Regional Board appointed Amy Jo Clemens as the hearing officer. The Regional Board will receive a transcript of the hearing then come to a decision after reading the transcript. The hearing and decision needs to take place prior to October 9<sup>th</sup>. If it goes beyond this date, then is automatically defers to the state board for a decision. If no decision is made on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> then Byron will remain in the Cooperative for the FY10 school year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pierce suggested fundraiser, donations, and letters in the newspapers for help with adding onto an existing facility for additional classroom space. Mr. Pierce would be proactive on getting involved in the process if the board decides to have a construction plan. Discussion followed.

Ms. Hardt moved for adjournment at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Delille seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. Mary Griffin, President

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Tammy Moserr, Recording Secretary