

**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 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

President Griffin called the meeting to order for Public Hearing on the FY 2011 Budget. The following members answered the roll call:

Mr. McGuinness (ES), Mr. Kern (FO), Ms. Hardt (KI), Mr. Pierce (ME), Ms. Griffin (OR), Mr. Schmidt (PO), and Mr. Stiles (RTHS).

Also present: Mr. Noble

Members absent: Ms. Payton (CR), Ms. Uphoff (AFC), Ms. Delille (ST), Ms. Tess (RE) Mr. Adams (BY) and Mr. Becker (AM).

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 2011 Budget, the public hearing could be closed. Mr. Kern then moved, with a second by Mr. Schmidt, to close the public hearing. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Stiles.

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. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Stiles.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Ms. Griffin requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 board meeting. Mr. Stiles moved, with a second by Ms. Hardt, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Stiles.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble said earlier in the spring representatives of the OCEC executive Board and the OCEA met to negotiate the collective bargaining agreement. For FY11 there would be no increase in the base salary. Staff on the scale would receive their step for the year of service and a lane change should they meet the requirement. The staff members off the scale would receive a 1% salary increase. A zipper clause was added for the next two years of the contract allowing the parties to meet and open the contract for purpose of discussing salary. Regarding insurance, the parties agreed to split an insurance increase that goes beyond 15% of the previous year's premium. The base premium for FY11 is \$663. For FY11, the insurance was calculated at a 15% increase but expect the increase to be about 10%. The OCEC executive board approved the collective bargaining agreement in May with final approval from the Governing Board. Ms. Griffin requested a motion to approve the three year collective bargaining agreement. Ms. Hardt motioned to approve the collective bargaining agreement as presented by the Director with a second by Mr. McGuinness. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Griffin, Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Stiles.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with a Budget Comparison from the final actual costs of FY10 to that of the proposed FY11 budget and explained any major differences in revenues and expenditures for the various line items. Comparing FY10 budget with FY11 budget there was a reduction of \$322,506. This was due to a reduction of one ED teacher and aide, one LS teacher and four aides, one Challenge teacher and an aide, and a reduction in outside placement. Mr. Noble then commented on facts that impacted the FY11 budget such as the ARRA IDEA & Preschool Revenue and Expenditures and also the Medicaid Revenue and Expenditures. Medicaid procedures were discussed to maximize dollars for the districts. Mr. Steve Koruna with Fairbanks could set up a meeting with each district to train staff such as nurses & speech therapist on entering claims. Transportation claims should be submitted for students who ride the bus and receive service throughout the day and special education transportation is on their IEP. Mr. Stiles asked about the Challenge program funding. Mr. Noble stated the program is currently at Chana with two teachers and two aides. The Regional Office of Education would like to retain a portion of the funds for the Director of Alternative Education and for bookkeeping expenses. The General State Aid claim is calculated for 33 students times \$6,619. Mr. Noble commented on the FY10 IDEA allocation for the Byron school district. Currently the dollars are held in escrow. The process of releasing these funds is being determined. Mr. Kern asked if the OCEC could receive a report on how the ROE was spending the RSSP Grant allocation they were keeping for expenditures at the Regional Office of Education.

Ms. Griffin then requested a motion to adopt the FY 11 Budget. Mr. Schmidt moved, with a second by Ms. Hardt, to adopt the FY 11 Budget as presented. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Stiles and Mr. McGuinness.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

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: 4:30: *Operational Services, Revenues and Investments*, 4:60: *Operational Services, Purchases and Contracts*, 4:90 *Operational Services, Activity Fund*, 4:170: *Operational Services, Safety*, 4:170-AP6: *Operational Services, Administrative Procedure – Plan for Responding to a Medical Emergency at a Physical Fitness Facility*, 5:20: *General Personnel, Workplace Harassment Prohibited*, 6:20: *Instruction, School Year Calendar and Day*, 6:50: *Instruction, School Wellness*, 6:120-AP-2, E1: *Instruction, Exhibit – Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes*, 8:20-E: *Community Relations, Exhibit – Application and Procedures for Use of School Facilities*, 8:30: *Community Relations, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*, and 8:70: *Community Relations, Accommodating Individual with Disabilities*. Mr. Kern moved, with a second by Ms. Hardt, to adopt the board policies as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Kern, Ms. Hardt, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Stiles.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble presented the Governing board meeting schedule for the 2010-11 school year. He recommended that meetings be held on March 24, 2011 and August 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., and stated if any additional meetings became necessary board members would be notified. Mr. Pierce moved, with a second by Mr. Schmidt, that the board meeting schedule for FY 11 be approved. All present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Noble briefly discussed the classroom locations for the OCEC programs. Oregon will host the classrooms on the west side of the county. There will be two classrooms in Oregon which is an elementary and high school. On the east side of the county the classrooms will remain the same with an elementary, middle school, high school and SOAR program in Rochelle. The ED programs will remain at the Chana Education Center for FY11. There will be one elementary, two middle and two high school classes. The Challenge program will remain at the Chana Education Center with two classrooms. With the classrooms more centrally located in FY11 it should reduce the transportation expenses.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board on Medicaid reimbursement. Revenue is received from random time studies. Reimbursement increased from FY09 to FY10. Districts received a worksheet comparing FY08, FY09 and FY10 revenue for Administrative Outreach and Fee for Service.

Mr. Noble presented the board with the proposed OCEC Inservices for the 2010/2011 school year. OCEC provides support services and intervention to each school in the district. Scheduled for FY11 include Special Education Inservice training on September 28th primarily for special education teachers. In the morning an attorney will speak on special education legal and the afternoon presentation will be a statewide parent mentor speaking on working with parents of special needs students. There are three Principal meeting scheduled throughout the school year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Noble did not have a presentation on Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) but will present it at the March meeting. Mr. Noble presented an update on Special Education Issues for FY11. There are five major components of non-compliance for monitoring visits which include; Placement determination are not based on the Child's IEP; Placement determinations are made unilaterally rather than as team decisions; Placement determines are based on disability category; Placement determination are not made annually; and Students with IEPs are not educated with non-disabled peers to maximum extent possible. Mr. Noble discussed additional Least Restrictive Environment such as Continuum of Alternative Placement, when IEPs must be in Effect and IEP Team Issues. Discussion followed.

Mr. Noble shared information on the opening day activities for the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. Staff collaborated to share Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWAT) of the OCEC. The Administrative team will choose common topics and then work together to improve the results of the SWAT throughout the school year.

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

Mr. Noble informed the Board of the two July mediation meeting regarding the Byron Litigation. The basic topic of the meetings was the issues if Byron remained in the Cooperative or withdrew. Both parties submitted ideas. The end of September is the next scheduled meeting where these topics will be discussed.

Ms. Hardt left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. McGuinness moved for adjournment at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Stiles seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Mary Griffin, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary