

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on December 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Mr. Zick (AFC), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (AFC), Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Dr. Mattingly (OR).

Also present: Mr. Noble and Ms. Amy Jo Clemens

Absent members: Dr. Fostiak, Mr. Rademacher, Ms. Bua and Mr. Bob Prusator

Ms. Clemens noted she has had meetings scheduled every third Thursday of each month therefore was unavailable to attend the OCEC Executive Board meetings.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 and December 3, 2009 Executive Board meetings. Dr. Mattingly motioned and it was seconded by Dr. Mayberry. All were in favor of the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Mr. Noble requested the district members send their payments to the OCEC before the holiday break for the month of December. Mr. Stott motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Mr. Craven seconded the motion.

Ayes: Dr. Mattingly, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Craven, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Stott, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Zick.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble had a brief presentation of the Unique Learning Curriculum that was purchased this year for the Life Skills program. The program contains lesson plans for each month with various learning levels for the students. There is also a profile on each student which tracks the progress of the student and it also contains suggested teaching methods. The program allows the director to monitor the student's progress. This program was a positive change in our curriculum.

Mr. Rademacher entered the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Ms. Bua entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Noble spoke about the Evaluation Instrument for Certified staff. The Professional Growth Process would be offered to tenured certified staff only and would allow the employee to enhance their skills as a professional to learn about and/or become mini-experts in an area they otherwise new little about which would benefit the employee as well as the Cooperative in serving the students and the districts. Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Professional Growth Process as presented by the Director. Mr. Todd Prusator motioned to approve the Professional Growth Process and it was seconded by Ms. Bua. All were in favor of the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Noble distributed a mid-year update list on enrolled students by classroom and by district. He stated there are openings in the ED Program at Chana Education Center. A few students, which are in Out-of-District placement, will be attending adult services in January which would therefore reduce the central cost to the districts.

Mr. Bob Prusator entered the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Mr. Noble spoke briefly about the Special Education Transportation Questions & Answers handout from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services. The handout provides detailed information of specific areas related to special education transportation which may be helpful to a district.

Mr. Noble shared IDEA award nominations for two staff members. Ms. Melody Huit at Polo was nominated by Mr. Jonathon Stag and Ms. Susan Hoffman at Rochelle Township was nominated by Ms. Cindy Belleque.

Mr. Noble stated the ARRA IDEA grant has not been approved. The grant was returned for some minor language changes. The districts that require corrections have been notified and will send the corrected information to the Cooperative by Friday so the ARRA IDEA grant can be sent to IBSE prior to the Christmas break.

At 9:40 a.m. the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Ms. Bua motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Stott seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

