

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met on December 18, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. for a Public Hearing. The meeting was held at the Administration Building in Byron.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order and the following members responded to the roll call: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (KI), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Ms. Bua (ST).
Members not present: Mr. Zick (AS), Dr. Fostiak (BY), and Mr. Bob Prusator (ME).
Also present: Ms. Amy Jo Clemens and Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble shared information regarding application for renewal of the existing waiver of the School Code to allow two evenings of parent/teacher conferences and substitute for a waiver day that is added to the calendar as a full day of parent/teacher conferences. The waiver is for five years from 2009-2010 school year through 2013-2014 school year. There were no oral or written comments regarding the waiver.

Dr. Mayberry moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Mr. Craven seconded the motion. Roll call vote:
Ayes: Mr. Shepherd, Dr. Kokaska, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stott, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Craven and Ms. Bua.
Nays: None.
The motion passed.

The Executive Board then went into regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order and the following members responded to the roll call: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (KI), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Ms. Bua (ST).
Members not present: Mr. Zick (AS), Dr. Fostiak (BY), and Mr. Bob Prusator (ME).
Also present: Ms. Amy Jo Clemens, Mr. Noble, and Anne Risen.

Ms. Clemens shared information with the Board regarding bad weather days. She stated districts can apply for an interrupted day if students are present for a short amount of time.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 board meeting. Dr. Mayberry moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting. Dr. Mattingly seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Mr. Stott moved, seconded by Mr. Craven, to approve the financial statement and payment of the bills as presented. Roll call vote:
Ayes: Mr. Craven, Ms. Bua, Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Stott, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Shepherd.
Nays: None.
The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information and his recommendations with the Board regarding personnel. He stated he had received a verbal resignation from Ashley Newlun, paraprofessional, effective December 12, 2008. He

then recommended the employment of Julia Mussell, paraprofessional, effective immediately. Mr. Rademacher moved, with a second by Mr. Stott, to accept the resignation of Ashley Newlun and to employ Julia Mussell as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble requested approval of the Application for five-year renewal of the School Calendar Waiver according to information previously provided in the public hearing. Mr. Rademacher moved, with a second by Mr. Todd Prusator, to approve application for five-year renewal of the school calendar waiver as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Bob Prusator entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Noble introduced Anne Risen, Special Ed. Coordinator, who presented an informational update on the new S.O.A.R. program (Supportive Opportunities for Adult Readiness). The program has been operating this first semester and is housed at Rochelle Township High School. Ms. Risen stated the program has twelve students participating, is progressing very well and has received many positive responses from parents and teachers. The Village of Progress is very involved in the SOAR program where students learn independence in an apartment-like setting.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board regarding the pursuit of a wind turbine for the Chana Education Center. He stated the Eswood School District has been approved to be an energy source and the OCEC is listed as a partner with Eswood. The possibility exists to erect a wind turbine at the Chana Education Center to power the school. Dr. Mayberry then provided additional information concerning the process and discussion followed. A sub-committee for the wind turbine process would include Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Noble. Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Rademacher, to approve the Director's recommendation to pursue a wind turbine. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble presented information to the Board concerning the FY 08 Audit as completed by Robert Carlile's office. Board members received a copy of the audit and summary from Mr. Carlile. Mr. Noble stated Mr. Carlile's overall report for the FY 08 audit was favorable and that the three funds, Education, O&M, Transportation, had positive balances at the conclusion of the FY 08 school year. Dr. Mayberry moved, with a second by Mr. Craven, to approve the FY 08 Audit as presented. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information regarding the possibility for OCEC to provide a Regional RtI Coordinator for the Northwest Region of Illinois for the remainder of the school year and into next summer. Mr. Noble stated the Cooperative would receive compensation from the IASPIRE North grant to cover the cost associated with the coordinator position. Discussion followed that included the possible candidate for the coordinator position. Mr. Greg Stott moved, with a second by Mr. Todd Prusator, to

approve supporting the OCEC in pursuing a Regional RtI Coordinator through an agreement with IASPIRE North as presented by the Director. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble shared information regarding approval of the 403b Plan document. He stated he had just received the document from Gatekeeper prior to the meeting and he would like to bring this agenda item back to the board next month after having more time to review the 403b Plan document.

Mr. Noble presented the Board with information concerning changes to report cards and transcripts for students with disabilities attending public schools and provided a handout from the United States Department of Education. Mr. Noble stated district report cards can now designate with symbols and/or comments those students with disabilities who received accommodations, modifications or took special education courses outside the general education track. He further stated transcripts cannot designate differences or show any kind of symbol or notation designating special education programming or assistance. Mr. Noble stated he would be sharing information about this matter with school principals in the near future.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information outlining the responsibilities of the OCEC School Psychologists and Social Workers. He stated this document was developed to assist the new districts to the OCEC as well as the new employees in these positions working for the OCEC. Discussion followed.

In other business, Mr. Noble stated the OCEC has a new Parent Mentor, Cindy Belleque. The Parent Mentor will help parents of children with disabilities and schools deal with various educational issues.

Mr. Todd Prusator moved, with a second by Dr. Kokaska, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Lowell Taylor, President

Ann Reeder, Recording Secretary