

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on February 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Ms. Bua (ST), Mr. Zick (AFC), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Mr. Taylor (FO).

Also present: Mr. Noble

Absent members: Dr. Fostiak (BY), Dr. Kokaska (CR), and Mr. Bob Prusator (ME).

Mr. Taylor asked if there was a Regional Office of Education update Mr. Noble stated that Ms. Amy Jo Clemens is considering reconstructing the RSSP program by combining it with Nachusa and GED.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010 Executive Board meetings. Dr. Mayberry motioned and it was seconded by Ms. Bua. 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 stated that Christine Malecki is a psychologist supervisor for a doctoral program. This will allow an OCEC Psychologist employee to supervise School Psychologist Doctoral interns in the future. The cost of the program is \$5,000 which will be paid over a two year period. Mr. Stott motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

There were no personnel items on the agenda

Mr. Noble recommended the approval of first reading on Board Policies. The final approval of the Board Policies would be made with the next Governing Board meeting. He stated the following policies have been newly added or amended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. *3:40: General School Administration, Director, 4:40: Operational Services: Incurring Debt, 4:100 Operational Services, Insurance Management, 5:30: General personnel, Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:90: General Personnel, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100: General Personnel, Staff Development Program, 5:120: General Personnel, Ethics, 5:120-AP2: General Personnel, Administrative Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards, 7-100: Students; Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students, 7-190: Students, Student Discipline, and 8:100: Community Relations, Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.*

Mr. Stott motioned to approve the Board Policies as presented by the director and Mr. Craven seconded.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information regarding the projected FY11 programming. Currently there are six Life Skill classrooms in the county which are two elementary, two middle and two high school classrooms. Based on the age and number of students it is anticipated for FY11 there will be a need of two elementary, one middle, and three high school LS classrooms. The SOAR program will remain the same with one classroom with an anticipated reduction with the Village of Progress. The one elementary ED classroom and two Jr. High ED and three High School ED classrooms are anticipated to remain the same for FY11. There was discussion regarding classroom space for FY11.

Mr. Noble also shared information regarding students in Out of District placement for FY11. For students who attend approved private educational programs, reimbursement is calculated after the local districts 2 X per capita is figured. ISBE reimburses the difference between the cost of education and the amount of 2 X per capita of the local district. For students who attend public school programs, reimbursement begins after 4 X per capita is calculated. The difference will be reimbursed at a prorated figure of around 12%. The anticipated expense for OCEC students attending Out of District placement for FY11 will be approximately \$342,000 which is a reduction from the FY10 budget of \$499,000. The estimated reimbursement in FY11 for the FY10 education cost is \$176,000 which is an increase over the FY10 budget of \$32,000.

Mr. Noble shared information regarding the SOAR program. OCEC will partner with Rock Valley College for students attending the OCEC SOAR program along with students from Rockford school district, Harlem school district and Winnebago County Cooperative. Starting in March 2010, students will attend Rock Valley College on Wednesdays and Fridays for 2 hours per day. The students will each lunch in the Rock Valley student commons and return to RTHS for end of the day classes. Barb Otten, a former OCEC teacher, along with Dave Grass will be the instructors.

Mr. Noble presented the board with information on Educational Environment "EE" Codes for the district. The two codes monitored by ISBE are EE1 and EE3. Code EE1 tracks students with IEP's who are in the general education classroom 80% or more of the day. Code EE3 tracks students with IEP's who are in the general education classroom 40% or less of the day. Mr. Noble presented the members with a spreadsheet by district and EE code compliance.

Mr. Noble presented information to the Board on special education personnel reimbursement. He provided revenue figures the districts received in FY 10 and the estimated revenue anticipated for FY 11 based on the reimbursement claim recently submitted to ISBE. ISBE has released one Personnel payment for FY10 with the second payment anticipated in June and the remaining payments disbursed in FY11.

Mr. Noble also shared information on Medicaid Claims and Reimbursement. He encouraged the members to take advantage of the additional revenue for Fee for Service which include claiming transportation for students with IEP's who are Medicaid eligible, claiming health aide service for students with IEP's who are Medicaid eligible and one to one aide assistance for bowel/bladder, redirection and intervention, ambulation, and feeding, and Evaluation, Screenings, and assessments.

Mr. Shepherd moved, with a second by Mr. Stott, 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. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stott, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Craven and Ms. Bua.

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 10:45 a.m.

Ms. Bua moved, with a second by Mr. Stott to leave Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went out of closed session at 11:29 a.m.

There were no actions on matters following closed session.

At 11:30 a.m. the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Mr. Stott motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Todd Prusator seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary