

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met on February 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. 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: Dr. Fostiak (BY), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Ms. Bua (ST).
Members not present: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Zick (AS), Dr. Kokaska (CR), and Mr. Rademacher (PO).
Also present: Ms. Clemens, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Sraga.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the Regional Office of Education update be moved to follow Agenda item #13.

Mr. Taylor then requested the presentation by visitors. Mr. Noble introduced Terry Camplain, Principal at the Chana Education Center. Mr. Camplain shared information about a new service learning class that had begun at the Chana Ed. Center and then introduced a former student of the Chana Education Center, who had prepared a statement of the positive impact attending the Chana Ed. Center had on her life; she then read the statement. Mr. Noble then introduced Cindy Belleque, the new Parent Mentor, and she shared information as to her role in providing assistance to both parents and school districts.

Mr. Rademacher and Mr. Zick entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 board meeting. Dr. Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 board meeting. Mr. Stott seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Dr. Fostiak.

The motion passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Dr. Mayberry 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. Fostiak, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Zick.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information with the board regarding the need to provide an additional aide for the Junior High classrooms at the Chana Education Center. He stated that due to the recent increase in enrollment, an additional aide is needed to assist with student support and programming; and that a long-term substitute for the remainder of the school year would be used. Mr. Noble also stated the enrollment in the Elementary Behavior Skills classroom in Byron would be increasing and that additional support may be needed there as well.

Mr. Noble presented the Board with information regarding Hiawatha District's request to join the OCEC. He provided a summary of data that included the Hiawatha District's service needs, and estimated costs to

all districts if Hiawatha were to join. Discussion followed that included Hiawatha District's current situation and need to find alternatives for obtaining services for their district; the possibility of decreased services to OCEC member districts due to any difficulty in obtaining part-time staff to meet Hiawatha's needs; and the internal matters of OCEC that are not yet resolved. Mr. Stott moved, with a second by Mr. Bob Prusator to support the Director's recommendation to extend an invitation to Hiawatha School District regarding joining OCEC for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Stott

Nays: Mr. Zick, Dr. Mattingly, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Craven, Mr. Rademacher, Ms. Bua, Mr. Taylor.

Abstain: Dr. Fostiak

The motion failed.

Dr. Mattingly then moved, with a second by Dr. Mayberry, to take under study the possibility of the future admission of Hiawatha School District into the OCEC. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Dr. Fostiak.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble provided information to the Board concerning possible positions needing to be filled for the 2009-10 school year. He stated this was preliminary information at this time.

Mr. Noble shared information on projected FY 10 programming that included the number of classrooms needed for each program and student enrollment projections for each program. Mr. Noble stated this information was preliminary and that a final recommendation would be brought to the Board in March.

Mr. Noble presented the Board with information on students projected to attend out of district educational placements in FY 10. He also provided the formulas used in calculating the amount of reimbursement districts receive for these students.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board regarding the amount of Special Education Personnel Reimbursement districts can expect to receive in FY 09 based on the claim submitted for the 2007-08 school year. He stated ISBE is prorating the personnel reimbursement at 96.59%.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information on the number of special education paraprofessionals each district has employed since the 2005-06 school year. He stated this information is based on the Personnel Reimbursement Claim filed each year on behalf of the districts.

Mr. Noble presented information to the Board concerning the monitoring of student performance in OCEC programs. Discussion followed that included a suggestion for a committee to be formed for the monitoring process and that future discussions occur.

In the Regional Office of Education Report, Ms. Clemens provided the Board with an update regarding preparations for the upcoming hearing with the Regional School Board of Trustees. She stated the hearing will be held on March 11, 2009 in the Ogle County Farm Bureau Building, in Oregon and begin at 9:30 a.m. Discussion followed.

Mr. Robert Lagerblade, Interim Dixon Superintendent and visitor, addressed the Board and asked that the

Board consider authorizing Director Noble to have future conversations with him about the interest of the Dixon School District in joining the OCEC.

Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to recess the Executive Committee meeting in order for the Litigation Sub-Committee to convene. Mr. Todd Prusator moved, with a second by Dr. Mattingly to recess the Executive Committee meeting. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Dr. Fostiak.

The motion passed.

In respect to the Executive Committee, Dr. Fostiak leaves the open meeting.

The Litigation Sub-Committee came out of closed session at 12:14 p.m. and resumed the open meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that during closed session the Litigation Sub-Committee discussed pending litigation.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion regarding closed session minutes for the months of July, 2008 through December, 2008. Mr. Craven moved, with a second by Dr. Mayberry, to keep all closed session minutes confidential. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Dr. Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Lowell Taylor, President

Ann Reeder, Recording Secretary