

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met on January 15, 2009 at 9:00 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:

Mr. Zick (AS), Dr. Fostiak (BY), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), and Mr. Craven (RT).

Members not present: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Stott (KI), and Ms. Bua (ST).

Also present: Ms. Clemens, Mr. Noble, Mr. Stuart Whitt and Mr. Alan Sraga.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 and December 18, 2008 board meetings. Dr. Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 and December 18, 2008 board meetings. Mr. Todd Prusator seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Zick, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Craven, Dr. Mattingly, Dr. Fostiak.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Mr. Bob Prusator moved, seconded by Mr. Rademacher, to approve the financial statement and payment of the bills as presented. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Craven, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Zick and Dr. Fostiak.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Stott entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Taylor initiated discussion regarding the topic of the potential withdrawal of the Byron School District from the OCEC. Dr. Fostiak opened the discussion with a brief statement and then Mr. Whitt, Byron District's legal counsel, shared reasons for the potential withdrawal. He stated Byron district desires to be responsible for and educate all its children and that the Byron Board of Education has a responsibility as it relates to test scores for its students including the 17 children in OCEC classrooms. Mr. Whitt stated Byron district does not intend to duplicate services. Janelle Smith, Byron special ed. teacher and visitor, then shared information of plans to expand and provide a better quality of services for the current Byron OCEC students. Superintendents shared concerns and discussion followed that included: 1) why the OCEC Board was not notified prior to August of Byron's intention to withdraw; 2) why educational concerns were not brought to the OCEC Board until just a couple of months ago and why has there been no prior discussion; 3) the request of Byron district to take EAV out of the billing formula due to financial struggles the district was experiencing and that the OCEC Board then accommodated Byron district by removing EAV from the billing formula; 4) why the vision is changing with regard to the Cooperative and why no prior discussion for better programming for all Ogle County special education children; 5) misconception of role of OCEC; with statements made that students placed in OCEC programs remain the responsibility of the district and that OCEC operates per direction of the Board; any concerns over programming, test scores, etc. should be brought to the board for discussion; 6) the possibility of having more time to discuss issues and possible solutions and the possibility of a multi-year exit plan.

A brief break was taken and Mr. Taylor then asked if Byron district would consider 1) staying in the Cooperative; 2) a multi-year exit plan; and 3) consideration of concessions. Mr. Whitt responded that the Byron Board of Education would need to make that decision. Mr. Whitt further stated the Byron district would not be stopping the withdrawal process, but that the district would continue to discuss and be collaborative.

A second brief break was taken. Dr. Fostiak and Mr. Whitt left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The regular meeting resumed with Mr. Noble sharing information regarding the employment of Linda Christianson. He stated Ms. Christianson would be employed as a substitute teacher and assigned to the Meridian district for the second semester. Any costs relating to her employment would be billed separately to the Meridian district. Mr. Craven then moved, with a second by Mr. Stott, to approve employment of Linda Christianson as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information to the Board regarding the mid-year expenditure report and stated travel/mileage costs had increased since the original budget; overall expenses are appropriate at this point in time.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information on repairs needing to be made to the roof of the Chana Education Center. He stated the main section of the roof needed repair and the possibility of extending the warranty an additional five years should be considered. Discussion followed that included the cost of repair and extension of the warranty. Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Stott, to approve the Chana roof work and extension of the warranty as presented by the Director. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble presented information to the Board concerning the required 403(b) plan document. He stated the plan was developed by Gatekeeper and that vendors would need to meet the requirements set forth in the plan document prior to servicing OCEC employees. Mr. Noble suggested having eight vendors at this point in time. Mr. Craven moved, with a second by Mr. Zick, to approve the 403(b) plan document as developed by Gatekeeper and presented by the Director. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information on the following amended board policies as developed by IASB for first reading: *2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:60-AP1 Admin. Procedure; 4:70 Resource Conservation; 4:70-AP Admin. Procedure; 4:160 Hazardous and Infectious Materials; 4:160-AP Admin. Procedure; 5:90 General Personnel-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 General Personnel-Staff Development Program; 5:150 General Personnel-Personnel Records; 5:150-AP Admin Procedure; 5:240 Professional Personnel-Suspension; 5:250 Professional Personnel-Leaves of Absence; 5:290 Educational Support Personnel-Employment Termination and Suspensions; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:60-AP Admin. Procedure; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examination; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students.*

Mr. Noble stated the policies would have a second reading for final adoption by the Governing Board. Mr. Stott moved, with a second by Mr. Bob Prusator, to approve a recommendation to the Governing Board that the amended Board Policies as presented by Director be adopted. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Noble presented the Board the 2008-2009 Seniority Lists for both certified staff and educational support personnel for approval. Mr. Noble stated both seniority lists have been distributed to staff for review. Mr. Craven moved, with a second by Mr. Todd Prusator, to establish the 2008-09 Seniority Lists for certified and educational support personnel as presented by the Director. All present voted in favor of the motion.

In the Regional Office of Education update, Ms. Clemens provided procedures for withdrawal from a special education cooperative. She stated the State's Attorney would review the Petition for Withdrawal and anticipates the hearing before the Regional School Board of Trustees to take place the end of February. She also stated the ROE is considering hiring an outside consultant to provide information to the Regional Board. Discussion followed with Mr. Taylor requesting a copy of the transcripts from the last Regional Board meeting and a copy of the report to Regional Board. Discussion followed with the Regional Superintendent as to her role in the withdrawal process.

Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Craven, to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, and probable litigation. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Craven, to leave Executive Session. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

The Board came out of closed session at 12:16 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that during closed session the board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, and probable litigation.

In other business, it was suggested that as an agenda item for a future meeting, there be discussion regarding how to obtain more information on monitoring the education of students.

Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Prusator, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Lowell Taylor, President

Ann Reeder, Recording Secretary

**OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met in closed session during its regular meeting on January 15, 2009 at 11:35 a.m. Members present during the closed session were: Mr. Zick, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stott, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator and Mr. Craven.

Also present: Mr. Noble and Mr. Sraga.

A motion to enter into closed session was made by Dr. Mattingly and seconded by Mr. Craven. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

The Executive Committee finds that litigation is imminent based on the forthcoming attempt of Byron C.U.S.D. #226 to withdraw as a member of the OCEC.

Mr. Noble initiated discussion as to a recap of the regular session discussion that had taken place with Dr. Fostiak and Mr. Whitt present and what future steps the Executive Board should be considering in regard to the attempted withdrawal of the Byron district.

During closed session no motions were made and no votes were taken.

Dr. Mattingly moved to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Craven. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session at 12:16 p.m.

Ann Reeder, Recording Secretary