

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on January 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Ms. Nelson (AM), Mr. Mahoney (OR), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Craven (RT), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Ms. Bua (ST), Mr. Stott (KI) and Mr. Zick (AFC).

Also present: Mr. Noble and Mr. Terry Camplain.

Members absent: Dr. Fostiak (BY), Dr. Kokaska (CR) and Mr. Rademacher (PO).

There was no update from the Regional Office of Education.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve minutes of the December 16, 2010 Executive Board Meeting. Dr. Mayberry motioned and Ms. Bua seconded the motion. 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 the first quarter subgrant payments will be paid to the districts. The second quarter expenditure report is due and will be reimbursed to the districts who submitted their report to OCEC in the future. Mr. Stott made a motion to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

The Motion passed.

Mr. Noble requested the board to approve personnel leave, resignations, retirement and employment. Ms. Brittany Nelson, Speech Paraprofessional, is being recommended to be officially employed for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Steve Beaman is requesting his retirement at the end of Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Craven made a motion to approve the director's recommendation employing Ms. Nelson and the retirement request of Mr. Beaman. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

Ms. Amy Jo Clemens entered the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Mr. Noble presented Mr. Terry Camplain, Chana Principle, to discuss mid-year report on the Safe School Program. Mr. Camplain visited other safe school programs in our region and is reporting on the results. In FY12 OCEC is uncertain of the financial situation of the RSSP Program. Mr. Camplain stated he visited Kishwaukee Education Consortium in the DeKalb County which utilizes a traditional curriculum. Counseling is provided through the college. There is a maximum of 45-48 students in the program with the seats purchased in advance for \$3,500 tuition per student. The program is administered on site and staff is hired in house. They have their own salary schedule with no tenure and are paid with a grant that flows thru the ROE. Mr. Camplain visited Regional Alternative Program in Freeport. The students attend 3 ½ hours each day with an additional hour of counseling, community service or court responsibilities to account for a full day. They use web-based Plato curriculum. There are two sites offering four different sections with a maximum of 40 students allowed in the program. The tuition per student is \$2,000 and seats are purchased in advance. Each student can attend the program for three years. Counseling is provided by local service agencies. The program is fully administrated through the ROE and all staff is hired thru the ROE. The staff is RIFed each year and there is no tenure. Mr. Camplain also visited Bureau County who uses a traditional curriculum with minimal computer APEX curriculum. Bureau County's program is similar to the OCEC program. The school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Counseling is only provided as needed. There is a maximum of 30 students allowed in the program with tuition per student of \$5,000. The program is funded by grant dollars and General State Aid. The program is administered on site and all staff is hired through the current administrators. The salary schedule is based on Bureau Valley. Tenure is only within the program. Mr. Noble will look at the possibility of the Plato system to work in the OCEC program. Ms. Clemens would like Mr. Camplain to attend the next ROE meeting to discuss the program. Ms. Clemens noted she will be in Washington DC to attend meetings and also the IASPIRE funds were released for coaches.

Mr. Noble provided the board with an update on the OCEC Mid-Year Expenditure Report. All line items are within the budgeted amount except for the following three areas: Speech Pathology due to a long term sub for the entire school year, Executive Administrative Services due to supplies purchased early in the year which should balance out over time and Internal Services due to the Audit payment and it too should balance out over time.

Mr. Noble recommended approval for the FY11 seniority list for OCEC's certified and ESP staff. Mr. Todd Prusator motioned to approve the seniority lists as presented with a second by Mr. Bob Prusator. All were in favor of the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Noble requested the board to approve the FY11 IDEA Flow-Through Grant amendment. The amendment will add an additional \$16,750 to the grant which includes; \$6,545 maternity leave for a Life Skills Teacher, \$5,000 independent evaluations and \$5,000 Assistive Technology

Equipment for students which was needed after an NIA audit of each Life Skills classroom on their communication needs. The use of grant funds increases the grant credit on the district invoice. In FY12 the district could receive an increase in their subgrant amounts.

Mr. Bob Prusator motioned to approve the grant amendment as presented with a second by Ms. Bua.

Ayes: Mr. Craven, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Zick, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Stott, Mr. Taylor, and Ms. Bua
Nays: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

Ms. Amy Jo Clemens left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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

Ayes: Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Nelson, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Craven, Mr. Stott, Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Bua and Mr. Zick.
Nays: None.

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

Mr. Craven moved, with a second by Mr. Zick to leave Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Zick, Mr. Craven, Ms. Bua, Mr. Stott, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Nelson, Dr. Mayberry, and Mr. Bob Prusator.
Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went out of closed session at 10:41 a.m.

Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of employing administrators for FY12. Ms. Libby Wolfgram, Assistant Director, would replace Mr. Michael Papini (retiring) reducing the 215 days worked in FY11 to 210 days for FY12; Ms. Amy Stephenitch, Coordinator of Special Education Services, would replace Ms. Libby Wolfgram; Ms. Jennifer Derricks, Coordinator of Special Education Services, would replace Mr. Terry Schuster (retiring) reducing the 200 days worked in FY11 to 190 days for FY12; and 1 ½ new administrator positions of Ms. Chris Tornabene, Coordinator of Special Education Services, and Mr. Michael Papini, Coordinator of Special Education Services, part-time for 100 days. All the administrators would have a one year contract except for Ms. Wolfgram which would have a two year contract. The administrators would provide RTI leadership, IEP meeting support, Autism training and support, and coordination of meetings which could relieve responsibilities from principals. The staff is well respected in the schools and all are good communicators. There would be an overall savings of \$3,391 for FY12.

Mr. Tom Mahoney motioned to approve the Director's recommendations as presented with a second by Mr. Stott.

Ayes: Ms. Bua, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Stott, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Zick, Mr. Todd Prusator, and Mr. Craven.
Nays: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

During other business Mr. Taylor stated the February 17th board meeting may be conflicting with a conference the Superintendents may attend. The board meeting may be rescheduled to February 24th. Notices will be sent of a change. Mr. Noble reminded the superintendents to have their staff complete the Medicaid billing in their districts.

At 10:43 a.m. the Executive Board Meeting adjourned. Mr. Bob Prusator motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting and Mr. Todd Prusator seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary