

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 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Mr. Zick (AFC), Ms. Bua (ST), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Dr. Mattingly (OR).

Also present: Mr. Noble

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

Mr. Taylor asked if there was a Regional Office of Education update. Mr. Craven stated he had a conversation with Ms. Amy Jo Clemens regarding the Regional Safe School Program and Ms. Clemens was looking for a possible alternative site in Rochelle to house the program which would also include a GED program. Mr. Noble stated he searched the ISBE website for possible RSSP program cuts but could not locate any information. Currently the RSSP is housed at the Chana Education Center at full capacity of 3 classrooms with 33 students.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 and January 6, 2010 Executive Board meetings. Mr. Craven motioned and it was seconded by Mr. Todd Prusator. 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 Cooperative received a personnel payment and a transportation payment from the state which allowed the Coop. to pay invoices from December. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Mr. Craven seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended the resignation of Ms. Linda Harris, Occupational Therapy Assistant. She submitted her resignation effective December 18, 2009. The position will not be filled. The current therapist will provide the services. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the resignation of employment of Linda Harris as recommended by the director. Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information on the midyear revenue and expenditure report. OCEC received a personnel and transportation payment from the state. Travel expenses are slightly greater than budgeted. OCEC has not received a Byron payment or payment from ISBE for Byron's IDEA grant. Overall the budget remains in line with its expectations.

Mr. Noble shared information on the Indicator 9 and 11. Superintendents received letters if in compliance with Indicator 9 and 11. On Indicator 11 there were 4 district case studies not completed within 60 days. After the districts wrote a response to the Indicator 11, only 1 district is not in compliance. There are some financial implications to those who are not in compliance. Indicator 9 indicates districts over or under identifying certain ethnic groups based on the local district demographics. A report needs to be completed by the district and returned to the state for those districts not in compliance.

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. *4:120: Operational Services, Food Services, 4:120-AP: Operational Services: Administrative Procedures – Food Services, 4:130: Operational Services, Free/Reduced-Price Food Services, 4:150: Operational Services, Facility Management and Building Programs, 4:160: Operational Services: Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds, 4:160-AP: Operational Services: Administrative Procedure – Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds.*

Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the Board Policies as presented by the director and Mr. Zick seconded.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended approval of the FY10 Seniority list for OCEC certified and ESP staff as presented. The OCEC staff received the seniority lists the prior week to the board meeting to review and report any discrepancies. None were reported. Mr. Craven motioned to approve the seniority lists as presented by the director and Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Noble asked for a recommendation to approve the Amendment to FY10 IDEA grant. The increase in the grant was for local expenditures in the budget that were moved to the grant. This would increase the grant credit to the districts and therefore lower their payments to the Cooperative. OCEC has approximately \$70,000 available with the IDEA grant. The amendment included Occupational Therapy contract

with Hillman Therapy, Occupational Services, O&M expenses, Health insurance, and an increase for staff travel. Dr. Mattingly motioned to approve the FY10 IDEA grant amendment as presented by the director and Ms. Bua seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The Executive Board did not go into Executive Session.

Mr. Noble spoke briefly about evaluations that will be completed next month. Also this year is negotiations and will be polling the districts for a range of raises within the county. There was discussion among the members regarding health insurance costs and HSA accounts.

Mr. Stott entered the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Mr. Noble stated that we should not expect the second Personnel or Transportation payment until June. The ARRA IDEA grant is approved and districts can spend the funds. Expenditure reports for the ARRA IDEA grant will be sent to district via email today. Mr. Noble stated the ARRA IDEA grants will be audited. The ARRA grant also requires reporting every quarter for payment to vendors \$25,000 or greater. The vendor name, DUNS #, addresses and description of the purchase needs to be reported. Jobs that were retained or new positions are to be reported for each quarter for the ARRA Grants. Mr. Noble attended a superintendents meeting in Springfield. He discussed a few senate bills. Senate Bill 4563 states districts could work on a 4 day week with 800 contract hours. Senate Bill 2426 could allow districts to register non-resident students to enroll in their schools at no cost. And Senate Bill 2521 could raise the servicing age to 26 for students.

At 10:51 a.m. the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Dr. Mattingly motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary