

## OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on March 12, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Dr. Fostiak (BY), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Craven (RT).

Also present: Mr. Noble, AmyJo Clemens, Mike Papini

Mr. Todd Prusator (RE) arrived at 9:36 a.m.

Ms. Bua (ST) arrived at 10:23 a.m.

Mr. Zick (AS) arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Clemens noted the Regional Superintendents meeting will be held at the ROE at 8:45 on April 28, 2009. It will be held in conjunction with the RSSP Board meeting held that day.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 and February 19, 2009 Executive Board meetings. Dr. Mayberry motioned and it was seconded by Mr. Bill Mattingly. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve financial statement and the payment of bills. Mr. Stott motioned, and Dr. Mattingly seconded.

Ayes: Mr. Craven, Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Stott, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shepherd, and Dr. Fostiak.

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Mr. Noble recommended employment for Shelia Calhoun to replace a classroom aide in the AFC Life Skills classroom, Brian Hall the part-time OCEC building custodian, and for Lindsay Baker, as a school psychologist for the FY 10 school year. Discussion followed, and included a caution from Dr. Fostiak about hiring more staff than may be needed due to Byron's withdrawal from the coop.

Mr. Craven moved to approve employment of Ms. Calhoun, Mr. Hall and Ms. Baker. Mr. Rademacher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Stott, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Craven, Mr. Rademacher, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Taylor

Nays: Dr. Fostiak

Mr. Mike Papini, presented information to the Board about Illinois Alternate Assessment (IAA) and provided handouts. The 1% rule and how to file exceptions to that rule were explained. Mr. Papini stated that in his opinion, the test does not fairly represent progress of extremely low functioning students. Discussion included information about how eligibility for IAA is determined and how IAA scores may affect school testing scores. Mr. Noble presented a video that demonstrated sample test questions, and explained how answers were scored. Mr. Papini left the meeting after the presentation.

Mr. Noble explained the proposed FY10 Service Contract with NIA. He stated NIA services include hearing and vision support, specialized supervision and audiology services. He stated that he is currently looking to hire a full time vision teacher, to teach- which will include Braille, and which would reduce costs by about \$25,000.

Dr. Mattingly moved to approve NIA Contractual Services (without direct vision services). Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Dr. Fostiak

The 2009-2010 School Calendar was brought up for discussion. Dr. Fostiak noted that designations for November 25<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup> have not been completed. When new designations for these days have been assigned, a new calendar will be issued. Ms. Clemens shared that a waiver can be requested for ½ day events.

Mr. Rademacher motioned to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar. Mr. Stott seconded the motion. The calendar was approved by unanimous vote.

The contract with the R.O.E. Safe School's Board of Directors for the administration of the Rock River Challenge Program 2009-2010 was discussed. A brief history of the program, and information about the composition of the RRCP Board was given.

Mr. Mattingly motioned to approve the agreement with the RRCP Board of Directors to have OCEC administer the Challenge Program in the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion.

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

A motion to approve a resolution for the Director to prepare a tentative budget for FY10, was made by Mr. Todd Prusator. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mayberry. It was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Noble described the OCEC summer ESY program and how the program is funded. He noted that a possible change to the proposed plan is the addition of a class for students with severe vision impairments that would be taught by a certified vision teacher.

Dr. Mattingly moved to approve the 2009 OCEC summer ESY Program as presented. Mr. Craven seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous vote.

The recommendation for the approval of programs and services for the 2009/2010 school year was brought to the table. Mr. Noble said that OCEC School Social Workers are currently keeping track of how they are spending their time due to increased and changing needs for their services. Dr. Mayberry questioned the non-renewal of Amy Brass's contract. Mr. Noble suggested that it would be appropriate to discuss this in Executive session. Dr. Mattingly asked for additional information regarding Social Workers.

Dr. Mattingly moved to approve recommendation of programs and services for 2009-20010. Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick, Ms. Bua, Dr. Kokaska, 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 to recommend programs and services for 2009-2010 was passed.

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Bob Prusator motioned to move to Executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel. Dr. Mattingly seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick, Dr. Fostiak, Dr. Kokaska, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stott, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Craven, Ms. Bua  
Nays: none

Mr. Taylor said there would be a short break before convening the Executive session.

At 10:45, the Executive Board came out of Executive session where personnel matters were discussed. Todd Prusator moved to recommend approval of presented resolutions pertaining to personnel matters to the Governing Board. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Stott, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Craven, Dr. Mattingly, Ms. Bua, Mr. Taylor  
Nays: Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Kokaska  
Abstain: Dr. Fostiak

At 11:02, Mr. Todd Prusator motioned to recess the Executive Board Meeting in order for the Litigation Committee to convene. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Craven, Ms. Bua, Dr. Mayberry, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Stott, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Zick,  
Nays: none  
Abstain: Dr. Fostiak

Dr. Fostiak left after the vote was taken.

At 11:40, the Litigation Committee came out of closed session. Dr. Mattingly moved to continue discussion with Byron at the scheduled March 17th meeting and to seek a hearing with the ROE Board of Trustees as soon as possible. Quinten Shepherd seconded the motion.

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

Special Olympics – On Saturday, March 7, 2009, the OCEC team comprised of staff from the Byron Middle School Life Skills classroom, participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, and earned \$2000.

RTI Team - Mr. Noble commended the RTI team from May School for their outstanding presentation at the IASB meeting held on March 5, 2009.

Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Dr. Mattingly seconded. Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

---

Lowell Taylor, President

---

Julie Eads, Recording Secretary