

## **OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

The Governing Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron, on March 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

President Griffin called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call:

Ms. Griffin (OR), Mr. Kern (FO), Mr. Pierce (ME), Ms. Payton (CR), Ms. Uphoff (AFC), Ms. Tess (RE), Mr. Stiles (RT), Mr. Becker (AM) and Mr. Schmidt (PO).

Also present: Mr. Noble

Members absent: Mr. McGuinness (ES), Ms. Hardt (KI), Mr. Adams (BY) and Ms. Delille (ST).

Ms. Griffin requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 board meeting. Ms. Tess moved, with a second by Mr. Kern to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Tess, Mr. Kern, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Mr. Becker, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Payton.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared a power point presentation on Educational Services provided by the Ogle County Education Cooperative serving 13 districts. Services include Psychological, Social Work, Vision & Hearing, Administrative Supervision, Technical Assistance to improve Special Education Programs, Autism Consultation, OT/PT services, Inservice Trainings, Student Data Management, Behavior Intervention Support, Nursing Support, and Work Experience. The Cooperative provides a Life Skills Program for students with moderate to severe cognitive, physical, adaptive behavior or communications impairments with a focus on academic and functional life skills through curriculum, community training and real life experience. The Cooperative also provides a Behavior Disorder Program with education services to students who exhibit significant difficulty in maintaining appropriate behavior within the school setting with a focus on Academics, Character Education, Empowerment Skills, Self-Awareness and return of student to their home district. A Soar Program is housed currently at RTHS for students ages 18-22. The classroom is an apartment like education setting. The SOAR program currently has a partnership with the Village of Progress and the Rock Valley College.

Mr. Noble discussed the results of the FY11 OCEC needs assessment survey. As in the past, Social Work services were at the top of the list of additional service type needs, followed closely by Psychologists services. Currently the OCEC has the following inservice trainings and support services created and ready to be accessed by schools: Classroom behavior management developed and presented by teachers and administration from the Chana Education center; Inclusion practices for general and special education teachers; Paraprofessional training for program aides, individual aides and certified teachers; CPI training and Research based interventions.

Mr. Noble proposed the approval of programs and services for the 2010/2011 school year. The recommendation for programming and services is based on current number of districts in the OCEC. The OCEC provides shared services to districts for Social Work, Speech, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Vision, Hearing, O/M, Low incident support and consultation, Administrative supervisions and technical assistance and Administrative support. As part of continuum of services the OCEC offers districts two student programs: Low incident Life Skills and low incident ED. Districts can access these programs by working with their building special education team and contacting the OCEC.

Placement in OCEC programs is at the request of the local district. The ED program was reduced from 6 classes to 4 classes for FY11 due to enrollment. Mr. Schmidt motioned to approve the director's recommendation to approve the programs and services for the 2010/2011 school year and Ms. Tess seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Becker, Mr. Kern, Mr. Pierce, Ms Uphoff, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Tess, Mr. Stiles and Ms. Payton.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board regarding Board Policies for second reading and approval. He stated the following policies have been newly added or amended by the Illinois Association of School Boards and have previously been reviewed in a first reading by the Executive Board: *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 3:40: General School Administration, Director, 4:40: Operational Services: Incurring Debt, 4:100 Operational Services, Insurance Management, 5:30: General personnel, Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:90: General Personnel, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100: General Personnel, Staff Development Program, 5:120: General Personnel, Ethics, 5:120-AP2: General Personnel, Administrative Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards, 7-100: Students; Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students, 7-190: Students, Student Discipline, 8:100: Community Relations, Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies 2:20: School Board, Types of School Board Meetings, 2:250: School Board, Access to OCEC Public Records, 2:250-API: School Board, Administrative Procedure-Access to and Copying of OCEC Public Records, 5:10: General Personnel, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 6:60: Instruction, Curriculum Content, 6:60-AP: Instruction, Administrative Procedure-Comprehensive Health Education Program, 7:10: Students, Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:20: Students, Harassment of Students Prohibited, and 7:180: Students, Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.. Ms Griffin asked for a motion to approve the board policy as presented. Ms. Payton moved, with a second by Mr. Stiles, to adopt the board policies as presented by the Director.*

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Griffin, Mr. Kern, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Tess, Mr. Stiles, Ms. Payton, and Mr. Becker.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

At 6:55 p.m. Ms. Tess moved, with a second by Mr. Schmidt, to go into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, as well as potential litigation of the OCEC. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Payton, Mr. Becker, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Tess, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Stiles and Mr. Kern.

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pierce moved, with a second by Ms. Payton, to leave Closed Session.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Tess, Mr. Kern, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Becker, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Payton, Mr. Stiles and Ms. Uphoff.

Nays: None.  
The motion passed.

The Governing Board came out of closed session at 7:00 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting. Ms. Griffin stated that during closed session the board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, as well as potential litigation of the OCEC. Ms. Griffin asked for a motion to approve the recommendation on the Reduction in Force for the 2010/2011 school year. Ms. Payton motioned to approve Reduction in Force for the 2010/2011 school year and it was seconded by Ms. Tess.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Payton, Mr. Kern, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Uphoff, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Tess, Mr. Stiles, and Mr. Becker.

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Pierce moved for adjournment at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Tess seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Ms. Mary Griffin, President

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Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary