

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on March 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Kokaska called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Mr. Zick (AFC), Ms. Bua (ST), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RT), and Dr. Mattingly (OR).

Also present: Mr. Noble, Ms. Amy Jo Clemens, and Ms. Libby Wolfram

Absent members: Dr. Fostiak (BY), and Mr. Taylor (FO).

Dr. Kokaska asked if there was a Regional Office of Education update Ms. Clemens questioned why a mediator has not been named. Mr. Noble's response was the attorneys are working on establishing a mediator.

Dr. Kokaska requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Executive Board meetings. Dr. Mayberry motioned and it was seconded by Dr. Mattingly.

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

Nays: None

The motion was unanimously passed.

Dr. Kokaska requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Mr. Noble stated that currently the invoices are paid. June and July may be a concern financially with the lack of revenue payments. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Mr. Bob Prusator seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble requested the board approve the resignation of Mr. Adam Larsen, Psychologist. Mr. Larsen accepted a position at the Oregon School District as Director of Assessment. Mr. Noble has interviewed for the Psychologist position and offered employment to an applicant. Mr. Zick motioned to approve the resignation of Mr. Adam Larsen as requested by the director with a second by Mr. Craven. All were in favor of the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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 shared information on SOAR students attending classes at the Rock Valley College. A computer technology course description was provided. Attending the continuing education course are four OCEC SOAR Program students, students from Winnebago County Cooperative, Harlem and Rockford. There has been positive feedback from parents of SOAR students attending the program. Overall, the program has been a positive experience for students & their parents.

Ms. Libby Wolfram shared information on Inclusion and Co-Teaching supports for the district schools and their teachers. Co-Teaching is a special education service delivery system in which two certified teachers share all instruction responsibilities (planning, teaching, and evaluation) for a single group of students for a specific content. Ms. Wolfram observes classrooms and communicates with staff to create a module. Ms. Wolfram provides help & support in the areas of Communication and Collaboration, Strategically plan lessons together including accommodations and modification necessary to meet the need of all learners, and developing Knowledge & Skills to Co-Teach.

Mr. Noble recommended to the board the approval of the FY11 Northwest Illinois Association (NIA) Service Contract. NIA provides low incident service needs such as hearing and vision support, Orientation and Mobility for visually impaired students, audiology services, autism supports, speech support, etc. The FY11 NIA contract for support services is for \$54,522 with one day of speech supervision added to the contract. The FY11 contract is \$5,400 less than the overall FY10 contract. Mr. Craven motioned to approve the NIA contract as recommended by the director and Mr. Kings seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended to the board the approval of the FY11 renewal of contract to administer the Rock River Challenge Safe School Program (RSSP) providing the RSSP Grant funds and the General State Aid funds are available to avoid excessive cost in tuition fees. Currently, the FY10 RRCP has three classrooms housed at the Chana Education Center. The average enrollment in the program is 33 students. There was discussion among the members regarding the needs of students attending the RSSP program versus the needs of students attending Nachusa House. The Cooperative could be informed in late April if OCEC will administer of the Rock River Challenge Safe School Program. Discussion followed. Ms. Amy Jo Clemens left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Dr. Mayberry made a motion to accept the recommendation of the director to renew the contract to administer the RSSP Program provided the funds are available to avoid excessive tuition fees and Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended the approval of the resolution authorizing the Director of the OCEC to begin preparing the tentative budget for the FY11 school year. Mr. Stott made a motion to approve the director's recommendations with a second by Dr. Mayberry. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Noble recommended the approval of the Summer School Program (ESY) for summer 2010. Due to ESY requirements, the OCEC has offered a five-week, half-day Extended School Year program for the Life Skill students that qualify. The program has been housed at the Chana Education Center for the past ten years in order to take advantage of the air conditioning. Mr. Craven made a motion to approve the director's recommendations and it was seconded by Dr. Mayberry.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble proposed the approval of programs and services for the 2010/2011 school year. The final approval of the Programs and Services for FY11 would be made by the Governing Board. 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. Stott made a motion to approve the director's recommendation for the programs and services in FY11 with a second by Dr. Mayberry.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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. *2:20: School Board, Types of School Board Meetings, 2:250: School Board, Access to OCEC Public Records, 2:250-AP1: 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.*

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Stott to leave Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed and the Board went out of closed session at 11:18 a.m.

Dr. Kokaska asked for a motion to approve the recommendations on the Reduction in Force for the FY11 school year. Dr. Mattingly motioned to approve the recommendation made by the director and Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

At 11:25 a.m. the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Dr. Mayberry motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary