

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on October 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Ms. Bua (ST), Mr. Zick (AFC), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Mr. Shepherd (AM), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Craven (RTHS) and Mr. Taylor (FO)

Also present: Mr. Noble, Mr. Terry Schuster, & Ms. Jennifer Derricks

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 Executive Board meeting. Dr. Mayberry motioned and it was seconded by Ms. Bua. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills. Mr. Noble stated the Districts need to pay their monthly payment to OCEC. The funds have been low & OCEC needs the district funds to pay the accounting expenses. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills, and Mr. Zick seconded.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Terry Schuster and Ms. Jennifer Derricks shared a power point presentation on the Strategic Instruction Model (SIMS) which is a comprehensive approach to literacy that addresses the need for students to be able to read and understand large volumes of complex material as well as their need to be able to express themselves effectively in writing. Mr. Schuster and Ms. Derricks have helped districts with RtI and IASPIRE level trainings at the Cooperative along with Chris Tornabene. The SIMS can be used at the High School and Middle school levels. Mr. Schuster suggested the district superintendents pass the information onto their principals and staff within their schools. He also stated there could be funds available to provide trial practice training for teachers. Mr. Noble encouraged the Superintendents to send their teachers to the training to improve teacher's abilities and to improve student performance.

Mr. Noble recommended accepting the resignation of Ken Boehle. Ken is resigning from his position as custodian at the Chana Education Center and the OCEC office. Mr. Noble also recommended the employment of Ralph McCormick for the full-time custodian position with the OCEC and Chana Education Center.

Mr. Craven motioned and Mr. Todd Prusator seconded the motion to accept the director's recommendations.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble stated that the Risk Management Insurance Plan quote report for FY10 was not available for the board meeting and that it should be available for the November Board Meeting.

Mr. Noble reviewed the first quarter financial report with the district members stating that the Governing Board services were higher due to legal fees and that the paper order was received and purchased for the entire 2009-2010 school year. He also stated that a few employee mileage reimbursements have increased to almost double compared to last year.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information on the amount of IMRF, FICA, Medicare and Risk Management expenses that could be passed on to each local district's tax levy. This was calculated by using the FY10 September Billing. Mr. Noble provided an example of the survey letter and the results of the survey. A short discussion followed.

Mr. Noble recommended the approval for first reading of the changes to the Visitation Policy, 8:50. These changes went into effect on August 25, 2009. The policy amends a section of the school code to grant special visitation and evaluation rights to parents. Parents can check to see if the program is benefiting their student. Mr. Noble stated legal council has reviewed the required changes.

Mr. Shepherd motioned and Mr. Stott seconded the motion for the policy changes 8:50 Visitors to OCEC as presented.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble provided a print out of the final calculations on the amount of funding districts will expect to receive in FY10 for special education funding. The districts with a negative balance will be eligible for "hold harmless" meaning they cannot receive an amount less than what they received in 2007. This information comes from Tim Imler at ISBE. A short discussion followed.

The required Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meetings with parents of students eligible for special education service who attend private/parochial schools or are home schooled was completed on Wednesday, October 7th. Mr. Noble stated that one parent attended at St. Paul in the morning and no home school parents attended in the evening. The purpose is to inform parents of their rights to services and how the Federal IDEA dollars allocated for private/parochial/home school students will be spent.

Mr. Noble discussed how imperative it is for the participant members to complete the Medicaid "Moment in Time" within their districts. The district needs to be 85% compliant to receive reimbursement. He also informed the districts they could be claiming for preschool screenings, transportation services for students and school health aides. If the students are Medicaid eligible, the district will receive funds. Mr. Noble recommended the approval of the agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and the Ogle County Educational Cooperative for Medicaid reimbursement.

Mr. Noble recommended the approval of the updated *Policy 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities* and to approve the Special Education Procedures as presented. There was a change in State Policies and Procedures for special education. The changes focus on "Parental Revocation of Consent", Behavior Interventions and Discipline. The language in this policy was shortened due to the procedures for following the policy are written into the Special Education Procedure Manual. Each district received a binder with the new special education procedures and was asked to keep the information on hand in their Superintendent's office.

Mr. Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Special Education Procedures as presented, the Policy 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities and also the HFS Fairbanks agreement between IL Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services and the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. Dr. Mayberry motioned and Mr. Todd Prusator seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Executive Board did not go into Executive Session.

Mr. Noble stated he was reviewing the ISAT scores for students at Chana Education Center and he would forward the results onto the Superintendents. He also mentioned that some SOAR students were attending Rock Valley College and eating lunch at the college. Mr. Noble informed the Board that Marty Tipper, County Clerk, has allowed us to create a shredding business at the Ogle County Health Department Building and asked if any of the districts would like to send their shredding to us.

At 10:35 a.m., the Executive Board meeting adjourned. Mr. Stott motioned to move to adjourn the Executive Board. Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Tammy Moser, Recording Secretary