

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met on October 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Administration Building in Byron.

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order and the following members responded to the roll call: Mr. Zick (AFC), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Mr. Taylor (FO), Mr. Stott (KI), Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Dr. Mattingly (OR), Mr. Rademacher (PO), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), and Ms. Bua (ST).
Members not present: Mr. Shepherd (AM), Dr. Fostiak (BY), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Mr. Craven (RT).
Also present: Ms. Amy Jo Clemens, Mr. Foley and Mr. Noble.

Ms. Clemens suggested the Board consider any district's request for individualized programming. Discussion followed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2008 and October 1, 2008 board meetings. Dr. Mattingly moved to approve the minutes of both meetings. Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Dr. Mayberry moved, seconded by Mr. Stott, to approve the financial statement and payment of the bills as presented. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble shared information and his recommendation with the Board concerning the employment of two new paraprofessionals for the Life Skills program. He stated this additional support was needed due to a recent enrollment increase in the program and recommended the employment Ashley Newlun and Kim Messer as Paraprofessionals. Dr. Mattingly moved, with a second by Mr. Zick, to approve the employment of Ashley Newlun and Kim Messer as presented by the Director. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

The motion passed.

Mr. Noble presented information to the Board regarding renewal of the property and casualty insurance. He stated he had received information from David Breshahan, the new service agent for The Horton Group, that included quotes for renewal of the Commercial Package Policy with current insurance company, Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. The policy covers automobile, umbrella, legal liability and worker's compensation. Mr. Noble stated the renewal is not due until November, however, he wanted to provide this information now for the board's review; he also anticipates receiving two additional quotes prior to next month's board meeting.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with a financial report and information as to first quarter revenues and expenditures. There was no discussion.

Mr. Craven entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Noble shared information regarding the possibility of leasing two vans. He stated he has reviewed the first month's mileage reimbursement to staff and is concerned about the high amounts of reimbursement that will be paid out over the school year to certain itinerant staff who have long distances to travel. Discussion followed regarding the benefits and cost involved in leasing two additional vans. It was suggested to look at another option besides Country Leasing.

Mr. Noble presented information on Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). He stated LRE continues to be monitored on a regular basis by ISBE and is measured by the percentage amount of time a student is educated outside the general education classroom. Mr. Noble provided a chart showing the educational environment each district's special education students are being educated in by percentage. Discussion followed that included a suggestion for the Director to notify districts of potential problem areas. Mr. Noble stated that additional information would be provided at next month's meeting.

Mr. Noble provided the Board with information regarding Board Policy 6:120, *Education of Children with Disabilities*. He stated that although this policy has already been approved by OCEC's Executive and Governing Boards as part of the overall Policies and Procedures for Special Education, it must also be adopted by each individual school district. Mr. Noble provided a copy of the policy and asked that it be adopted by each district's local school board.

Mr. Noble shared information with the Board regarding a district's funding responsibility for residential placements. He stated new legislation was recently passed that now makes the home school district responsible for the education program of students placed in a residential facility by the court system or public agency for drug and alcohol treatment; and that the legislation is retroactive to July 1, 2007. Discussion followed.

Mr. Noble revisited the topic of a web-based IEP program from last month's meeting and presented additional information to the Board. He reviewed the cost of three different programs, recommending EasyIEP as the company OCEC contract with to provide its web-based program. Discussion followed that included options for funding the program. Mr. Stott moved, with a second by Mr. Rademacher, to approve purchasing an IEP web-based program as quoted by EasyIEP and presented by the Director. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Todd Prusator, Mr. Bob Prusator, Dr. Mattingly, Mr. Zick, Mr. Rademacher, Mr. Craven, Mr. Stott, Dr. Mayberry, Ms. Bua, and Mr. Taylor.
Nays: None.
The motion passed.

Dr. Mayberry moved, with a second by Dr. Mattingly, to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel, potential litigation and possible reduction and/or expansion of the OCEC. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Zick, Dr. Mayberry, Mr. Taylor, 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 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Craven moved, with a second by Dr. Mattingly, to leave Executive Session. All present voted in favor of the motion.

The Board came out of closed session at 12:01 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that during closed session the board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,

performance or dismissal of personnel, potential litigation and possible reduction and/or expansion of the OCEC.

There was no action taken after closed session.

Dr. Mattingly moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Lowell Taylor, President

Ann Reeder, Recording Secretary