

OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative met at the Administration Building in Byron on September 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Ms. Bua (ST), Dr. Mayberry (ES), Dr. Kokaska (CR), Mr. Mahoney (OR) Mr. Bob Prusator (ME), Mr. Stott (KI), and Mr. Taylor (FO).

Also present: Mr. Noble.

Members absent: Ms. Nelson (AM), Dr. Fostiak (BY) Mr. Zick (AS), Mr. Todd Prusator (RE), Mr. Rademacher (PO) and Mr. Craven (RT).

There was no update from the Regional Office of Education.

Mr. Zick entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve minutes of the August 19, 2010 Executive Board Meeting. Ms. Bua motioned and Dr. Mayberry seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the financial statement and payment of bills. Mr. Noble explained that one bill to be approved was for outside assessment of a student. Mr. Stott made a motion to approve the financial statement and the payment of bills and Ms. Bua seconded the motion.

Ayes: Dr. Mayberry, Ms. Bua, Mr. Zick, Mr. Bob Prusator, Mr. Stott, Dr. Kokaska, Mr. Mahoney, and Mr. Taylor

Nays: none

Motion passed.

Mr. Todd Prusator entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Noble requested the board to approve personnel leave, resignations, retirement and employment. Ms. Letha Kitson, who is currently a substitute aide in the Rochelle Middle School Life Skills classroom, is being recommended for employment. Mr. Noble stated another aide for the Life Skills classroom at May school will soon be recommended for employment. Dr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the director's recommendation for the employment of Ms. Letha Kitson. Mr. Zick seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Motion was passed.

Mr. Rademacher entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Noble began discussion of the proposal of health insurance renewal. He stated in FY10 there was 152% Loss Ration. He recommended in helping to reduce the FY11 increase costs it is proposed to increase the deductible from \$500 to \$1500 with OCEC reimbursing an employee the deductible amount of \$1,250. In July 2011 he plans to collect data from competing insurance providers prior to the insurance renewal date. Dr. Mayberry suggested a district poll be taken to gather information including deductibles, backfill, out of pocket expenses, etc. for comparison purposes. Mr. Noble was asked to talk to Miller Buettner and Parrott about the feasibility of a (district) cooperative plan. Tammy will contact Miller Buettner Parrott to retrieve district information. There was discussion about forming an insurance committee. Mr. Taylor spoke briefly about a meeting held with OCEC and Polo. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the health insurance renewal, with a deductible of \$2,000 with the hope of reducing the premium and the Cooperative backfill of \$1,750. Mr. Stott seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Motion was passed.

Mr. Craven entered the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Approval of the Rock River Challenge Agreement was the next item brought to the table. Mr. Noble stated that after many years with no changes to the agreement, the new agreement was re-written and contained significant changes. Among those changes was the agreement between the bodies of the school board and the Regional Superintendent of the ROE. Mr. Bob Prusator noted it was unusual that the agreement was between the Superintendent of the ROE and not just the ROE. Mr. Noble stated that the ROE had reduced funding for the Challenge program by taking a percentage of the General State Aide and the Grant fund. The yearly cost is \$667 per student versus \$461 prior to ROE administrative costs. Mr. Noble said that the new agreement requires 33 seat minimum to be maintained. Dr. Mayberry motioned to approve the Rock River Challenge agreement. Mr. Craven seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Motion was passed.

The next agenda item was IMRF, FICA, Medicare and Risk Management. General discussion followed, including mention of the importance of Medicare reporting and the recent meeting with Mr. Steve Koruna.

Mr. Noble had planned to deliver a presentation regarding Least Restrictive Environment, but instead worked from handouts given to board members. Handouts contained information regarding the comparison of Illinois data to that of other states, and comparison of member district data. Mr. Noble stated that a government audit is scheduled for later this year and LRE is a priority.

The Executive Board did not go into closed session.

At 10:37 a.m. the Executive Board Meeting adjourned. Ms. Bua motioned to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting and Mr. Zick seconded the motion.

Vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimous.

Lowell Taylor, President

Julie Eads, Recording Secretary