

**LINCOLN-WAY AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION
Joint Agreement District 843**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, January 23, 2018

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Special Education, Will County, Illinois, held at Pioneer Grove Educational Center, 601 Willow Street, Frankfort, IL 60423, at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2018.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

Roll Call

Present: Ron Lullo (District #210), Anna Briscoe (District #159), Edie Adamski (District #157C),
Rich Marron (District #161), Terry Doyle (District #114)

Staff Present: Sarah Rexroad, Director
Colleen Wronski, Business Manager
Kristin Menconi, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present: Janis Nicholson, Teacher
Sarah Bailey, Teacher
Judy Boyens, Supervisor
Sue Kaczmarczyk, Principal, Pioneer Grove
Marie Goulet, Principal, Mackay
Carolyn Brescia, Transportation Supervisor

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Acting on the recommendation of the Director, Anna Briscoe moved, seconded by Edie Adamski for the Governing Board to ratify the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the December 19, 2017, Regular and Closed Session Minutes
2. Approval of Financial Statement
3. Approval of Current Payables
4. Approval of Personnel Items
5. Approval of Policies

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

D. REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports

a. ACCESS & Transportation- Carolyn Brescia

Ms. Brescia stated that Mokena Junior High students took club pictures for the yearbook. All students are currently participating in the Meteor Buddies Club. On January 19th the students attended the staff volleyball game in the gym, and cheered on their teachers as part of the Star Behavior Incentive Program. Ms. Brescia shared that the Wilson Creek students got new peer buddies for the new year. The new curriculum unit for January is "I Can Be Healthy." Also, later this week the students will be making exercising snowmen from banana pieces, and attending the school pride assembly.

b. Mackay Center- Marie Goulet

Ms. Goulet stated that 18 students were out today due to sickness. Last semester ended well and three students graduated from Mackay. Ms. Goulet mentioned that in December they started some

pre-safety training to get ready for next year. A nurse from Presence Health came in to do Diabetes Training. Also, IEP meetings are underway and keeping the staff busy. Last week, Mackay guardians came to a Tea with the Director, which was a great way to spend an afternoon. Ms. Goulet mentioned that in February they will be starting the Sandy Hook Promise Start with Hello Week coming up.

c. Pioneer Grove & PSO- Sue Kaczmarczyk

Mrs. Kaczmarczyk stated that report cards and goal updates have gone home. The PSO is working on planning their events for the rest of the year. The students celebrated an international day of acceptance, and tomorrow they will be doing hot chocolate and pajama day. Mrs. Kaczmarczyk mentioned that Extended School Year (ESY) meetings have begun. Pioneer Grove has two new nursing students. One is a physical therapy intern, and the other is a speech therapy intern. A new student will be starting next week in the Multi-Needs 1 class.

d. SELF- Judy Boyens

Dr. Boyens stated that there were two new students that started after winter break. In speech class the teacher's focus is called Read the Room. *Every day Speech* is a free 30 day trial, and the students are learning how to read a room. In the social work group they have started self esteem flowers. They are creating flowers that have positive reminders of how awesome the students are, and to be reminded of all the positive things in their lives. Dr. Boyens also mentioned that they have started ESY meetings.

2. Finance Report

a. Review of Accounts

Mrs. Wronski stated that we have billed 8 of 10 payments to the member districts. All IDEA Grants have been submitted, and those will be on the next check run.

b. Transportation

Mrs. Rexroad stated that she would like the Governing Board's permission to look into renegotiating the contract for transportation with New Lenox School District #122 for next year. Mrs. Rexroad would like to start entering into conversations with them to see if we can work out a transportation agreement. Once discussions have begun, Mrs. Rexroad will update the Governing Board. Mrs. Rexroad has reached out to the attorney in regards to the legalities involved. When she hears from him, she will update the Governing Board.

c. Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Wronski stated that the facility management plan was included in the packet. The 10 Year Life Safety Report for Pioneer Grove and Mackay shows that nothing major needs to happen at any of our buildings in the next few years. Mrs. Wronski mentioned that the gym lights at Pioneer Grove have been replaced and are working great. Mrs. Adamski asked when the parking lot at Pioneer Grove should be fixed, and how many square feet it is. Mrs. Wronski stated that while the 10 Year Life Safety Report shows they can wait 7-10 years, she believes it should be done sooner for safety reasons. Mrs. Adamski would like more information about the parking lot.

3. Director's Report

a. Review of Advisory Committee Minutes – January 8, 2018

Mrs. Rexroad presented the minutes from the January 8, 2018, Advisory Meeting.

b. January Notice of Discontinuation of Service – Member District Usage

Mrs. Rexroad mentioned that she has received letters from Mokena #159 and Frankfort #157C with notice of how they intend to use District #843 for the next school year. Mrs. Rexroad is expecting the other letters soon and will update the Governing Board at the next meeting.

c. Staff & Classroom Update

Mrs. Rexroad reviewed the enrollment in the programs.

Pioneer Grove: 55
Mackay Center: 41
SELF: 31
ACCESS: 14
Transportation: 550

d. Technology Report

Mrs. Rexroad stated that our website is almost completely up-to-date however; Mr. Furgason was out with sickness at the end of last month. Mrs. Rexroad anticipates the website being updated by the end of February. Mr. Furgason is working on the Voice Over IP and reconciling the inventory.

e. FMLA

Nothing to report.

f. FOIA

Nathan Mihelich, January 22, 2018, requesting the names and email addresses of all teachers or administrators who are retiring in 2018.

E. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Rich Marron and seconded by Anna Briscoe to move to closed session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Rich Marron and seconded by Anna Briscoe to return to open session at 7:28 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Doyle asked whether or not the two vans were purchased yet. Mrs. Wronski stated that the delivery time is the end of February for the two 2018 Dodge Caravans.

G. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of Closed Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Doyle and seconded by Rich Marron that the Governing Board not open to the public the following Closed Minutes relating to personnel, individual student matter, and litigation:

<i>5-23-17</i>	<i>8-22-17</i>
<i>6-27-17</i>	<i>9-26-17</i>
<i>7-25-17</i>	<i>10-24-17</i>

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Destruction of Audio Recordings of Closed Minutes

A motion was made by Rich Marron and seconded by Anna Briscoe that the Governing Board approve the destruction of the following audio recordings of the Closed Minutes relating to personnel, litigation, and collective bargaining:

<i>9-22-15</i>	<i>2-23-16</i>
<i>10-27-15</i>	<i>3-22-16</i>
<i>11-24-15</i>	<i>4-26-16</i>

1-26-16

5-24-16

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo
Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

I. NEXT MEETING

February 27, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Pioneer Grove Educational Center

J. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Terry Doyle and seconded by Rich Marron that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. President Lullo declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Menconi,
Administrative Assistant

President

Secretary