

**Lincoln-Way Area Special Education
Joint Agreement District 843**

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Administrative Center
601 Willow Street
Frankfort, IL 60423
February 12, 2018

A. Roll Call

Dr. Tingley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Administrative Center.

Roll call was taken.

Members present: Dr. Maura Zinni (District #157C); Dr. Omar Castillo (District #159); Dr. Scott Tingley (District #210); Mr. Russell Ragon (District #114); Mrs. Barbara Rains (District #161)

Also present: Mrs. Sarah Rexroad, Director of District #843
Colleen Wronski, Business Manager
Kristin Menconi, Administrative Assistant
Peggy Manville, Superintendent of District #122

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING - January 8, 2018

Mr. Ragon moved, seconded by Dr. Castillo that the Committee approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2018.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ragon, Dr. Castillo, Dr. Zinni, Dr. Tingley, Mrs. Rains

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

D. REPORTS

1. Financial Report

a) *Review of Accounts*

Mrs. Wronski stated that all member districts have received their last bill. The money that we have received from the state will be credited 50% back to the programs. Mrs. Wronski mentioned that a bill is being sponsored that would allow special education cooperatives to be treated like private placement facilities in regard to tuition reimbursement, though Mrs. Wronski thinks that it may have stalled out. The extra reporting requirement for quarterly expenditure seems to be focusing on professional development. Mrs. Wronski encourages the superintendent's talk to their special education directors to make sure they are spending their professional development money.

b) *Transportation*

Mrs. Wronski stated that she met with Bob Groos, Business Manager #122, Liza Bruni, Assistant Superintendent Student Services #122, Dr. Tingley, and Dr. Manville last week about District #122 and their transportation. Dr. Tingley asked Dr. Manville for an update. Dr. Manville stated that she had a board meeting and the Board was agreeable to one year of services as specified in the withdrawal agreement and would consider re-negotiating services beyond that term. Dr. Tingley stated that the financial numbers would be run for a 1 year vs. 3 year lease for buses. Mrs. Wronski will get those prices. Then, there will be additional communication to work to finalize an agreement.

c) *Buildings and Grounds*

The six faucets that did not pass the lead testing have been replaced and retested at Pioneer Grove. Mrs. Wronski is waiting on those results. Mrs. Wronski will send out a reminder email about the Fairbanks administrative outreach money.

2. Director's Report

a) *Summary of Governing Board Action*

Mrs. Rexroad mentioned that the Governing Board action consisted of action regarding closed meeting record maintenance.

b) *Staff and Program Update*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that Pioneer Grove is at 56, Mackay 36, SELF 29, ACCESS 14, and Transportation 561 for enrollment. Mrs. Rexroad passed out the ESSA document for the superintendents to review the changes that are coming.

c) *2018-2019 Program Projections and Potential Reduction in Force*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that her staff is gathering info for their 2018-2019 projections. She does know that with the loss of ACCESS there will be a reduction of two teachers. Mrs. Rexroad is also looking at a reduction of a social worker, and will decide on speech pathologist and psychologist as projections are compiled. Mr. Ragon and Dr. Zinni mentioned that they could potentially be of help to the district with a psychologist.

d.) *Technology Report*

Mrs. Rexroad mentioned that Mr. Furgason has been working with VoiceOver IP. He has received four proposals, and felt confident with one of the companies that he met with. Mrs. Rexroad stated that our staff website has been updated.

e.) *Fees for 2018-19*

Discussion regarding technology fees for students for next year. It was decided that districts would bill the Cooperative for fees of students of District #843 programs housed in their district. Then District #843, would bill the home district of the student.

E. CLOSED SESSION

F. OLD BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Zinni moved, seconded by Mrs. Rains that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ragon, Dr. Castillo, Dr. Zinni, Dr. Tingley, Mrs. Rains

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Chairman Tingley declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristin Menconi

Administrative Assistant, District #843