

**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 11, 2019

A. Roll Call

Dr. Rains 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. Barbara Rains (District #161); Mr. Russell Ragon (District #114)
Dr. Don White (District #159); Dr. Maura Zinni (District #157C); Dr. Scott Tingley (District #210)
Also present: Mrs. Sarah Rexroad, Director of District #843
Kristin Menconi, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present: Dr. Peggy Manville, Superintendent (District #122)

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING - January 14, 2019

Dr. Zinni moved, seconded by Dr. Tingley that the Committee approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2018.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ragon, Dr. Rains, Dr. Tingley, Dr. White, Dr. Zinni

Motion carried: 5 Aye

D. REPORTS

1. Financial Report

a) *Review of Accounts*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that IDEA claims for revenue and expenditures are much lower than last year. The balances are high, because the report was created before the refunds were issued from the reconciliation.

b) *Worker's Compensation*

Mrs. Rexroad shared that we will be receiving a refund from Liberty Mutual of \$109,660 from last year's workers compensation. Mrs. Rexroad stated that 18% of the refund will go back to the Education Fund, and 82% of the refund will go back to the Transportation Fund.

c) *Auditor*

Mrs. Rexroad shared that this is the last year of our present agreement. The Auditors sent a new two year agreement for the Coop to consider. The Advisory Committee supports signing the contract for another two years.

2. Director's Report

a) *Summary of Governing Board Action*

Mrs. Rexroad mentioned that the Governing Board agreed to participate in the Will County Transportation Consortium. The Governing Board did a review of the closed minutes, and destruction of audio recordings. We have a new interagency agreement with Momence for hearing itinerant services, and a new agreement for transportation services with Flossmoor.

b) *Staff & Program Update*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that Pioneer Grove is at 57 students, SELF 31 students, Mackay 49 students, and Transportation 575 students.

c.) *2019-20 Programs & Services*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that services will remain the same for the 2019-20 school year. Mrs. Rexroad shared that it was discussed at the last Director's meeting whether there may be a need for a lower grade level SOAR program for grades 3rd through 7th. Mrs. Rexroad shared that she is looking into moving the junior high SELF program from Hickory Creek to Mokena Junior High. Dr. White stated that the logistics are being worked through currently, and he should know more in the next few weeks.

d.) *Administrative Contracts*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that she is not looking to make any changes to her administrative staff. She will begin working on administrative contracts over the next few months. A discussion was had regarding multi-year contracts, and how the contract language would read.

e.) *Negotiations*

Mrs. Rexroad shared that the Governing Board will not have a Board member participate in the negotiations.

f.) *Technology Report*

Mrs. Rexroad stated that Mr. Furguson has started distributing desktops and laptops. Mr. Furguson has been focusing on getting quotes for a new camera system at Pioneer Grove and adding a few external cameras at Mackay.

e.) *Transportation*

Mrs. Rexroad shared the draft of the new three year agreement with New Lenox District #122.

E. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. White and seconded by Dr. Tingley to move to closed session at 9:36 a.m. for the purpose of discussing:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative.
2. Litigation

F. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Zinni inquired about the use of the House. Mrs. Rexroad stated that daily classes are being held there.

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. NEXT MEETING

March 11, 2019 – 9 am

I. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Tingley moved, seconded by Mr. Ragon that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting Aye: Mr. Ragon, Dr. Rains, Dr. Tingley, Dr. White, Dr. Zinni

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Dr. Rains declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristin Menconi

Administrative Assistant, District #843