

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, January 26, 2010

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Special Education, Will County, Illinois, held at Pioneer Grove Educational Center, 601 Willow Street, Frankfort, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th day January 2010.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Klene at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Timothy Doyle (District #114), James Gast (District #210), Susan Gillooley (District #122), Brian Klene (District #157C), Dee Molinare (District #161), Katherine Moore (District #159)

Absent:

Staff Present: Dr. Sally H. Bintz, Craig Englert, David Ambrecht, Cheryl Della Penna, Nancy Antonini, DiAnne Bielinski, Mollie Frick, Jeanne Hartung, Debra Heffernan, Holly Kasper, Sarah Rexroad, Judy Rice, Eileen Parente, Karen Wingfield

Visitors Present: There were none.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF DECEMBER 15, 2009

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of December 15, 2009..

Voting Aye: Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Moore

Motion carried: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

V. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report – Financial and Payables

Mr. Englert reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Governing Board.

B. Review of Advisory Committee Minutes

Dr. Bintz reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2010 Advisory Meeting.

C. Director's Report

1. *Parent Advisory Council*

Dr. Bintz reported that members from the Parent Advisory Council were not able to attend this meeting.

2. *Transition House*

Mr. Englert provided the Governing Board with the Quarterly Interim Financial Report.

3. *Proposed Amendment to Cooperative Articles of Agreement*

Dr. Bintz discussed the necessity of amending the Articles of Agreement to comply with the recent changes in the *Illinois School Code* which address member districts potentially withdrawing from cooperatives and/or the dissolution of cooperatives. Dr. Bintz provided the Governing Board with a summary of the information that the Cooperative attorney sent her earlier in January. Mr. Klene asked the Governing Board members to enter into a general discussion about the four areas of the amendments that must be addressed. Dr. Bintz will present her recommendation to the Advisory Committee in February and obtain their input for the Governing Boards' consideration at the February 23 meeting. The Cooperative attorney, Laura Sinars, will attend the February Advisory

Committee and Governing Board Meetings to discuss this issue and answer legal questions.

4. *Notices of Discontinuation of Services*

Dr. Bintz stated that she has not been notified by any member districts that they will not purchase services from the Cooperative next year.

5. *2010-2011 Projected Classes*

Dr. Bintz indicated that the CD classes continue to grow and Orland Park School District has sent two students to attend the Cooperative classes. District 159 may be looking at opening an additional SI class next year. The Mackay Center enrollment is holding steady and Dr. Bintz has a meeting scheduled with District 210 to discuss the Mackay Center service model.

6. *Joint Boards of Education Meeting – February 16, 2010*

Dr. Bintz reviewed plans for the February 16, 2010 Joint Boards of Education Meeting to be held at the Pioneer Grove Educational Center.

7. *February Board meeting – Mackay education Center*

Dr. Bintz announced that she would like to schedule the February Board meeting at the Martin P. Mackay Educational Center to provide the Governing Board an opportunity to tour the building. The Governing Board was in agreement with this recommendation.

8. *FOIA Requests*

Dr. Bintz stated no FOIA requests were received.

D. Principals' Reports

Mackay Education Center

Debbie Heffernan stated that at the conclusion of the semester at the Mackay Center four students from Lincoln-Way Central and one student from Lincoln-Way East were on the honor roll. She was also proud to announce that one of the students achieved a 4.0 grade point average. Mrs. Heffernan indicated that to lift school spirit "Mackay Pride" will begin and the students will select a mascot for the school.

Pioneer Grove Educational Center

DiAnne Bielinski reported that a student from District 161 who attends Pioneer Grove School has been selected to receive one of the 2010 Outstanding Student Technology Awards from UCP/Infinitec. The student and his parents have been invited to the Silver Lake Country Club on March 18, 2010 for a dinner and awards ceremony.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Acting on the recommendation of the Director, Katherine Moore moved, seconded by Dee Molinare, for the Governing Board to ratify the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Approval of Current Payables

Current payables were presented for review in each respective fund.

B. Approval of Financial Statement

The Financial Statement for the month of December 2009 and investments through January 26, 2010 was presented.

C. Approval of Personnel Items as Listed:

1. Employment

Certified Staff

Christine Galfano, part-time vision impaired teacher for three to six weeks effective January 14, 2010.

Non-Certified Staff

Diane Quinn, bus driver, effective January 18, 2010.

2. Resignation

Non-Certified Staff

Julie Blue, paraprofessional, effective December 18, 2009.

Mary Conrad, paraprofessional, effective November 20, 2009.

- D. Policy 288 – *Revised* – Policy on compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act – **First Reading**
Policy 288 – AP – Administrative Procedures for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act – **First Reading**
- E. Policy 440 – *Revised* – Hazardous and Infectious Materials – **First Reading**
Policy 440-AP – Hazardous and Infectious Materials – Administrative Procedure – **First Reading**
- F. FMLA Requests
Employee 0697 to begin January 6, 2010
Employee 5526 to begin March 1, 2010
Employee 7034 to begin January 4, 2010
Employee 5889 to begin November 23, 2009
Employee 5861 to begin January 4, 2010
Employee 3454 to begin January 4, 2010
Employee 5954 to begin January 11, 2010

CONSENT VOTE:

Voting Abstain: Doyle
Voting Aye: Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 1 Abstain, 5 Aye

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Katherine Moore and seconded by Timothy Doyle to move to closed session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- A. the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
- B. The appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative.
- C. Litigation

Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Katherine Moore and seconded by James Gast to move to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Transition House Design and Budget
A motion was made by Susan Gillooley and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the design and budget for the Transition House in an amount not to exceed \$470,000.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay
- B. Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Foundation
A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve investigating the feasibility of establishing a foundation at Lincoln-Way Area Special Education.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay
- C. Purchase of Vans
A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Dee Molinare that the Governing Board approve the purchase of two 2010 Dodge Caravans From Wright Automotive for a total price of \$36,726.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

D. Lose the Training Wheels

A motion was made by Susan Gillooley and seconded by Katherine Moore that the Governing Board approve the contract and expenditure of \$2,500 for the Lose the Training Wheels camp to take place the week of June 14, 2010.

Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

E. Termination of Employee

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Timothy Doyle to approve the termination of Employee 9847 effective January 13, 2010 due to job abandonment.

Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Special Education will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, 2010 at the Martin P. Mackay Education Center in New Lenox, IL.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Katherine Moore and seconded by Timothy Doyle that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. President Klene declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Della Penna,
Administrative Assistant

President

Secretary