

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, February 23, 2010

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Special Education, Will County, Illinois, held at Martin P. Mackay Education Center, 516 S. Cedar, New Lenox, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day February 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, DiAnne Bielinski, Suzanne Cachey, Diana Campbell, Mollie Frick, Jeanne Hartung, Debra Heffernan, Holly Kasper, Mark Kaster, Robin Latman, Sarah Rexroad, Eileen Parente, James Pozzi, Dennis Varel, Karen Wingfield

Visitors Present: Linda Hoffmeister

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF January 26, 2010

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Susan Gillooley to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of January 26, 2010.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

RECESS MEETING

A motion was made by Susan Gillooley and seconded by Katherine Moore to recess the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to tour the Martin P. Mackay Education Center with Principal Debra Heffernan.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Klene called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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 February 9, 2010 Advisory Meeting.

C. Director's Report

1. *Parent Advisory Council*

Mrs. Linda Hoffmeister was in attendance. The next meeting of the Parent Advisory Council will take place on March 2, 2010. The organization is looking at making future recommendations to the Governing Board for initiatives that will benefit all students.

2. *Transition House*

Mr. Englert reported on the status of the Transition House. The Cooperative architect indicated that the bid specifications should be completed next week. The application process with the Village of Frankfort for a special use permit will take place at the beginning of March. A future meeting with the residents in the community will then take place to advise them about the changes to the existing property. Mr. Englert indicated that the Cooperative is on track with the time line for this project.

3. *Proposed Amendment to Cooperative Articles of Agreement*

Dr. Bintz introduced Mr. Todd Hayden, the Cooperative attorney, who was in attendance to review 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 draft of the amendments that was prepared by the Cooperative attorney. Mr. Hayden reviewed all of the changes with the Governing Board members and answered their legal questions.

4. *Joint Boards of Education Meeting*

Dr. Bintz expressed her appreciation to the Governing Board members for their attendance at the Joint Boards of Education Meeting that the Cooperative hosted on February 16, 2010. She received compliments from the Governing Board members on the success of this event.

5. *Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Foundation*

Dr. Bintz provided a status report on the proposed Cooperative foundation. She presented the Governing Board with draft by-laws and a suggested grant application for their review. She stated that a District 157C resident and attorney has volunteered to assist with initial preparation of a foundation. Dr. Bintz asked if any Governing Board member would like to work on the organization of the foundation. Mrs. Katherine Moore volunteered to do so.

6. *2010-2011 Classes and Programs*

Dr. Bintz reviewed the possible changes to the Cooperative classes and programs for the 2010-2011 school year. At this time, the Cooperative is still reviewing student IEPs and it is too early to make a solid determination for classes and programs. However, next month the Director will make staff recommendations.

7. *FOIA Requests*

Dr. Bintz stated no FOIA requests were received.

D. Principals' Reports

Mackay Education Center

Debbie Heffernan stated that students at the Mackay Center will compete in a basketball game with students from Guardian Angel School in Joliet.

Pioneer Grove Educational Center

DiAnne Bielinski reported that the Parent Student Organization will meet tomorrow and they will be revisiting the sensory garden. She stated that Pioneer Grove has received many donations. She expressed her appreciation that members from the PSO, PLASE, and PAC were present at the Joint Boards of Education meeting last week. She stated that everyone enjoyed showcasing the Pioneer Grove Center.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Acting on the recommendation of the Director, Susan Gillooley 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 January 2010 and investments through February 23, 2010 was presented.

C. Approval of Personnel Items as Listed:

1. Employment

2. Resignation

Non-Certified Staff

Anita Robinson, paraprofessional, effective January 27, 2010.

- D. Policy 840 – Revised – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property – **First Reading**
- E. Policy 288 – *Revised* – Policy on compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act – **Second Reading**
Policy 288 – AP – Administrative Procedures for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act – **Second Reading**
- F. Policy 440 – *Revised* – Hazardous and Infectious Materials – **Second Reading**
Policy 440-AP – Hazardous and Infectious Materials – Administrative Procedure – **Second Reading**
- G. FMLA Requests
Employee 3578 to begin February 10, 2010

CONSENT VOTE:

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Katherine Moore and seconded by Timothy Doyle to move to closed session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- A. The appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative.
- B. 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 return to open session at 8:58 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval to Apply for Federal Grants
A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Dee Molinare to approve the application for Federal grant monies under IDEA Flow-through and Part B Preschool Flow-through for the 2010-2011 school year.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay
- B. Proposed Articles of Agreement Amendment
A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the amendment to the Articles of Agreement as presented and reviewed.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay
- C. Lead Mentor Program
A motion was made by Katherine Moore and seconded by Susan Gillooley that the Governing Board approve the Lead Mentor Program initiated during the 2009-2010 school year to continue for the 2010-2011 school year.
Voting Aye: Doyle, Gast, Gillooley, Klene, Molinare, Moore
Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

D. Retirement Notification

This item was deferred until the March Governing Board Meeting.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Special Education will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2010 at the Pioneer Grove Educational Center in Frankfort.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Katherine Moore that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. President Klene declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Della Penna,
Administrative Assistant

President

Secretary