

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, March 23, 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, IL 60423, at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day March 2010.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Klene at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Timothy Doyle (District #114), James Gast (District #210), Susan Gillooley (District #122) arrived at 7:08 p.m., Brian Klene (District #157C), Dee Molinare (District #161), Katherine Moore (District #159)

Absent:

Staff Present: Dr. Sally H. Bintz, Craig Englert, David Armbrrecht, Cheryl Della Penna, DiAnne Bielinski, Mollie Frick, Heidi Glatz, Jeanne Hartung, Debra Heffernan, Sue Kaczmarczyk, Holly Kasper, Robin Latman, Cathy Muckian, Sarah Rexroad, Julie Palucki, Eileen Parente, Maryellen Schroeder, Jill Tobin

Visitors Present: Susan Eisenbrandt, Mary Kenny

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEM

A motion was made by Tim Doyle and seconded by Dee Molinare to approve the appointment of Katherine Moore as secretary pro tem.

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

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION OF February 23, 2010

A motion was made by Dee Molinare and seconded by Timothy Doyle to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of February 23, 2010.

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

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Susan Eisenbrandt, parent from District #114, addressed the Governing Board to offer her appreciation for Mrs. Kathy Mulka' leadership in her classroom at Bentley School. She stated that under the teaching of Mrs. Mulka, Mrs. Eisenbrandt's son, as well as other students in the class, have made tremendous strides this past year. She expressed her disappointment that Mrs. Mulka's room will be transferred to District #161 for the 2010-1011 school year.

The Governing Board thanked Mrs. Eisenbrandt for bringing this information to their attention.

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 March 9, 2010 Advisory Meeting.

C. Director's Report

1. *Parent Advisory Council*

Dr. Bintz stated that the Parent Advisory Council met on March 2, 1020. She indicated that the Council will look toward approaching the Governing Board regarding the possibility of parent mentoring in the fall.

2. *Transition House*

Dr. Bintz reported on the status of the Transition House. Mr. Bob Nielsen of Henry Bros. Co. provided the names of contacts at The Home Depot that Dr. Bintz and Mr. Englert recently met with regarding the possibility of entering into a partnership to help make the Transition House a reality. The meeting was very positive with the initial offer of substantial donations that could be made for the Transition House construction. Mr. Englert has also received information that electric and plumbing services may be donated for this project. Dr. Bintz and Mary Harrison of District #210 are working on a curriculum for the students. Mr. Englert is hopeful to have a formal application to the Village of Frankfort in the next two weeks. Dr. Bintz is working with the Historical Society to identify valuable items in the existing structure that could be salvaged.

3. *2010-2011 Classes*

Dr. reviewed the proposed program projections for the 2010-2011 school year. She indicated that the final projections cannot be confirmed until the IEPs are completed and at that time the projections will be reviewed and solidified.

4. *2010-2011 Preliminary Budget Information*

Dr. Bintz reviewed proposed budget reductions for the 2010-2011 school year and stated that she is looking at ways to deliver quality education in a fiscally responsible manner. Mr. Englert reviewed projected budget reductions totaling approximately \$1.1 million.

5. *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 competed in a basketball game with students from Guardian Angel School in Joliet last month and they will compete with the Joliet Job Corps Center this month. Mrs. Heffernan announced that May 20 is the annual Mackay Awards Night. There were 14 high school students on the honor roll for the 3rd quarter representing all four high schools. In addition, two junior high school students from District 122 were on the honor roll.

Pioneer Grove Educational Center

DiAnne Bielinski reported that a student from District 161 was the recipient of a UCP Infnitec Award and attended the banquet last week along with his parents and school staff members. The Parent Student Organization has been receiving generous donations to help with the construction of the sensory garden at Pioneer Grove. The location has been changed to the north side of the Center. Mrs. Bielinski stated that 48 families have signed up for an Easter egg hunt to take place at Pioneer Grove on March 28, 2010. She also reported that an Irish dancing troop entertained the students on March 17.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Acting on the recommendation of the Director, Sue Molinare moved, seconded by Sue Gillooley, 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 March 23, 2010 was presented.

C. Approval of Personnel Items as Listed:

1. Employment

Certified Staff

Michelle Jones, substitute social worker, effective March 8 through the last day of the 2009-2010 school year.

Non-Certified Staff

Cynthia Ratzel, bus monitor, effective March 9, 2010.

2. Resignation

Non-Certified Staff

Michelle Cozzi-Consentino, paraprofessional at Pioneer Grove Educational Center, effective March 12, 2010.

Tammy Martin, bus aide, effective March 5, 2010.

D. Policy 840 – Revised – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property – **Second Reading**

E. FMLA Requests

Employee 2705 to begin March 9, 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 7:55 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 8:05 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Contractual Continued Service

A motion was made by Susan Gillooley and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the following staff for contractual continued service at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Diane Barnes-Maguire, Speech Pathologist

Anita Brown, Speech Pathologist

Joanna Bentivenga, Teacher

Jesse Cundiff, Teacher

Brian Grund, Teacher

Carlene Hochhalter, Teacher

Regina Livingston, Teacher

Melissa Meseko, Teacher

Janis Nicholson, Teacher

Michele Spencer, Teacher

Scott Stacel, Teacher

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

Voting Present: *Doyle*

Motion carried: *5 Aye, 1 Present*

B. Notice of Nonrenewal for Non-Tenured Certified Staff

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Dee Molinare to approve the dismissal of employee #3114, first year teacher.

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

Motion carried: *6 Aye, 0 Nay*

C. Notice of Dismissal of Non-Certified Personnel

A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Susan Gillooley that the Governing Board approve the dismissal of Non-Certified Personnel as follows:

#2588	-	#9964
#2232	-	#4357
#5526	-	#5929
#5643	-	#6851
#5089	-	#0678
#7180	-	#3927
#9036	-	#5929
#6644	-	#5726
#3123	-	#0247
#3520	-	#6663
#5704	-	#7433
#9657	-	#9038
#5135		

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

D. Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Foundation

A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Susan Gillooley to the establishment of the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Foundation.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

E. Three Year Bus Lease Bid

A motion was made by Dee Molinare and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the lease of thirteen (13) Chevrolet 24 passenger buses and three (3) Chevrolet lift buses from Midwest Transit Equipment at a total annual cost of \$132,100 for three years.

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

Voting Nay: Doyle

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 1 Nay

F. Termination of Employees

A motion was made by Susan Gillooley and seconded by Timothy Doyle to approve the termination of employee 4550 effective March 23, 2010 due to inability to perform job responsibilities in a satisfactory manner, and employee 2770 effective March 19, 2010 due to abandonment of assigned position.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

G. Retirement Notifications

A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Susan Gillooley to approve the retirement notification from employee #3555 and employee #1737 of their intent to retire effective June 30, 2015.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

H. Director Goals for 2010-2011

A motion was made by Timothy Doyle and seconded by Katherine Moore to approve the director goals for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

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

Motion carried: 6 Aye, 0 Nay

I. Director Contract

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Timothy Doyle to approve the Director's Contract as presented.

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

Voting Nay: Moore

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 1 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 April 27, 2010 at the Pioneer Grove Educational Center in Frankfort.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Gast and seconded by Katherine Moore that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. President Klene declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl A. Della Penna,
Administrative Assistant

President

Secretary