

**MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
BOND/FAYETTE REGION  
BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 2013  
MINUTES**

Mr. Gauch called the April 9, 2013 meeting to order at 8:39 A.M. at Bond/Fayette Region Conference Room in Vandalia, IL.

***MEMBERS PRESENT***

Members in attendance were Mr. Mike Gauch, Mulberry Grove Unit #1; Mr. Adam Bussard, Brownstown Unit #201; Mr. Rich Well, Vandalia Unit #203; Mrs. Deb Philpot, St. Elmo Unit #202; and Mr. Jeff Strieker, Bond Co. Unit #2 arriving at 9:15 am.

***PRESENTATION OF PROXIES***

A proxy was presented - Mrs. Deb Philpot, St. Elmo Unit #202 for Mrs. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey Unit #204.

***MEMBERS ABSENT***

Member absent was Mrs. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey Unit #204.

***OTHERS PRESENT***

Crystal Lawler, Assistant Director; Alison Boutcher, Executive Director; Larry Emerick, Program Coordinator and Scott Pasley, Bond Co. Program Coordinator were present. No visitors were presented.

***PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY "OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD"***

Mrs. Amy Zimmerman was the FY13 April recipient of the "Outstanding Service Award".

***CONSENT AGENDA***

Presented for review and approval:

- Regular Session Minutes from March 12, 2013
- No Executive Session audio recordings older than 18 months exist for destruction.
- No closed session minutes exist for release at this time.
- Financial Report
  - Monthly Payables
  - Statement of Position
  - Receipts vs. Expenditures

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as recommended by Mr. Rich Well, seconded by Mrs. Deb Philpot. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

***ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT***

- Legal Status – No issues have been reported.
- Discussion regarding Autism Resource for Classrooms in the Bond/Fayette Region. We currently serve 42 students on the Autism Spectrum. Data indicates that the Region's students would benefit from having resources available to aid the students with reading

comprehension. Lingui Systems offers a Basic Reading Comprehension kit and a Reading Comprehension kit for students with Hyperlexia and Autism. These kits are \$60.00/kit and we are going to purchase 7 kits at Level One and 7 kits at Level 2 for a total of \$840.00 with Instructional Materials funds and they will be distributed among the districts based on student need.

- Review of the DIAL Screening schedules was held and they are as follows:  
Brownstown: April 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 – 10:30 AM at the First Baptist Church in Brownstown  
St. Elmo: April 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 2:30 PM at the St. Elmo Elementary Cafeteria  
Vandalia: April 11<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Ramsey: April 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the First Baptist Church of Ramsey
- Discussion regarding Extended School Year (ESY) was held. ESY is for the purpose of students maintaining acquired skills. IEP teams were to complete the Decision Making for ESY services form based on data gathered throughout the school year and submit them no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder was given for the districts who wish to claim reimbursement for ESY services 1) that the IEP must indicate the need for those services and 2) that at least a 60 clock hour program must be conducted in order to qualify for reimbursement.
- Program Coordinator's Report – Review of the need for Extended School Year services for the districts was given by the Program Coordinators, Scott Pasley, Bond Co; Larry Emerick, Fayette County; and Crystal Lawler, Mulberry Grove.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

- Discussion and review of three options was held regarding Fund Balance Distribution. Option 1 was to disburse the money based on the current FHR (Sept. 2012) numbers; Option 2 was to disburse the money based on the November 30, 2012 Child Count (FACTS); and Option 3 was to disburse the money based on the average of the last 3 years of the FHR (09/10; 10/11; 11/12). Motion was made by Mr. Rich Well to approve the disbursement of the Fund Balance using Option 3, seconded by Mr. Adam Bussard. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

- None

### ***INSERVICE***

- Mulberry Grove LRE Data Cohort hosted an in-service with Melanie Fleenor on Co-Teaching – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Mulberry Grove High School. The group problem-solved and developed an Action Plan around the obstacles to Co-Teaching that is inherent in a small school with limited resources.
- Disability Law Workshop featuring Mr. Robert Farley, Jr., LTD sponsored by the Transition Specialists in the 3 Regions of Mid-State Special Education. It will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the Lincoln Land Community College Extension in Litchfield, IL.

**DISCUSSION**

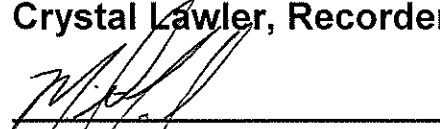
Mr. Jeffrey Strieker, Bond Co. Unit #2 updated the board that Mr. Zack Bickline, JH ED Teacher turned in his letter of resignation. Options for this program for the 13/14 school year will be reviewed by the board.

The next Bond/Fayette Region Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013** following the TMC Meetings held at **8:30 A.M.** at the **Bond/Fayette Regional Office.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Rich Well, seconded by Mr. Mike Gauch to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 A.M. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Crystal Lawler, Recorder**



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**Mike Gauch, Secretary**