

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
BOND/FAYETTE REGION  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 16, 2019  
Regular Session Minutes

**PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:**

Ms. Ritter, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education Office, 202 Prairie, Morrisonville, Illinois.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Jennifer Garrison, Vandalia; Ms. Julie Healy, St. Elmo; Dr. Wes Olson, Bond County; Mr. Steven Phillips, Mulberry Grove; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Mr. Mike Shackelford, Brownstown

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Angela Armour, Director; Ms. Michelle Rexroad, Business Manager

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The open session minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular and January 8, 2019 Special board meetings, the financial report and bills were presented for approval.

The Balance Sheet for December as well as the FY19 receipts versus expenditures report were provided for review. The ending monthly balance for December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$27,750.71. The projected January ending balance is anticipated at \$26,676.30.

The accounts payable for January 16<sup>th</sup> were provided. The December payables total \$1,081.36.

A motion made by Dr. Olson and seconded by Mr. Shackelford to approve the consent agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Ms. Armour reported that all teachers proctoring the DLM assessment have passed the required trainings. Most students are rostered and she has been working with district SIS secretaries to ensure students are marked DLM in SIS. ISBE is uploading student information every Friday and all students should be rostered in the KITE system by the end of the month. The DLM testing window begins on March 13 and ends on May 8. The DLM tests students in grades 3-11 in reading, math, and science in grades 5, 8, and 11.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Considerable discussion occurred regarding the IDEA grant. Ms. Rexroad attended to answer questions and give any additional insight that might be needed. She provided a spreadsheet showing Vandalia as an example, comparing the years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. Dr. Garrison, needing to find answers for the Vandalia School Board, questioned their returned on her investment, direct cost, and benefit of being a part of the Mid-State cooperative.

Mr. Shackelford shifted the discussion to the topic of decentralization. As individual districts are in the process of making the decision to decentralize, he questioned what the definition of decentralization would be. Mr. Shackelford felt it should be defined as the Bond/Fayette Region had established, that districts/regions should all be consistent, and that it be board approved.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Armour was asked a few final questions. Dr. Olson questioned the time frame for a reduction in staff. Ms. Ritter asked when the districts will decide when they would decentralize. Ms. Healy inquired when they would know the definition of decentralization. Once these questions are answered by the Executive Committee it will help the districts that make up the Bond/Fayette Region determine how to proceed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**DISCUSSION:**

The next Bond/Fayette Region Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. by Ms. Ritter and seconded by Ms. Healy. Voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Shera Hunt, Recording Secretary

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Chairperson

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