

CHRISTIAN REGION of
MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 20, 2012
Morrisonville, IL 62546

Dr. David Lett, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education Office, 202 Prairie, Morrisonville, Illinois.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry Wesley, Morrisonville; Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau, Taylorville; Dr. David Lett, Pana; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis.

PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:

Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork – Mr. Chris Clark

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Patty Wood, Edinburg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Alison Boutcher, Director; Mrs. Brenda Patrick, Assistant Director; Mrs. Fran Amling, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Pattie Hamlin, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Jeanne Vancil, Comptroller; Ms. Susan Sullivan, Christian Region Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Presented for review and approval:

- Minutes from October 16, 2012,
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than eighteen months (May 10, 2011),
- Payables totaling \$76,601.68 – notable items include ERO costs,
- Christian Region Payables to be approved at the Mid-State Special Education Executive meeting totaling \$3,099.57 – notable items include reimbursement for in-service expense for special education staff,
- Statement of Position, as of October 31, 2012 balances with the ending monthly balance of \$1,152,778.31,
- Receipts vs. Expenditures – Mrs. Patrick presented the October 31, 2012 receipts vs. expenditures.

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as recommended: Roll call yielded 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Making A Difference – Mrs. Patrick presented the Making a Difference award to Mrs. Bobbie Harker, special education teacher at South Elementary School. Mrs. Harker was nominated by Mrs. Fran Amling, Program Coordinator. Skype was utilized to present Mrs. Harker with her award.

Infinitec – Mrs. Patrick shared several Infinitec updates.

Student Transitioning – Mrs. Patrick led a discussion on the attendance policy for students transitioning back to resident districts from Cornerstone.

Initial Referrals – Mrs. Patrick gave each district a report comparing initial referrals in their district for the FY12 school year to FY13 initial referrals as of November 19, 2012.

Program Coordinators – Mrs. Amling reported that she has met with building principals to talk about an application that was used before Mid-State Special Education put the new evaluation tool in place. Form Connect is an application that can be used to create forms. Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Amling, and Mrs. Hamlin developed a form using Form Connect to use for informal evaluations. Mrs. Amling has revised the form to better suit the needs of the building principals for their use. Information on how to vote for South Elementary School to receive grant money was shared. Mrs. Amling was happy to report of the smooth transition of a Cornerstone student back to Taylorville Jr. High School. Mrs. Hamlin reported that she has been setting up Google Drive for sharing forms, the teacher’s manual, class lists, and other documents with the teachers. Google Drive is considerably easier to navigate than the Mid-State Special Education website.

Staff Attendance – Mrs. Patrick reported that twenty-six certified staff and nineteen non-certified staff had perfect attendance for the month of October. Perfect attendance award winners were Jill Yergler, teacher assigned to Morrisonville district and Timothy Pope, program assistant assigned to CBI HS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Additional Position – Mrs. Patrick recommended for approval an additional part-time non-certified position for a program assistant to be assigned to Memorial Elementary School, Taylorville.

Motion to approve the addition of a part-time non-certified position as recommended: Dr. Fuerstenau; second, Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hiring of Second Semester Contractual SLPs – Susan Tuggle, assigned to Morrisonville and Donald Farrimond, assigned to Nokomis.

Hiring of Part-Time Non-Certified Staff – Renee Sincavage, assigned to Memorial Elementary School, Taylorville.

Motion to hire contractual and non-certified staff as recommended: Dr. Fuerstenau; second, Dr. Doerr. Roll call yielded 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

The next Christian Region Board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. (note time change) at the Mid-State Special Education office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:46 a.m.: Dr. Fuerstenau; second, Mr. Wesley. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Susan Sullivan, Recording Secretary