

CHRISTIAN REGION of  
MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2013  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

Ms. Patty Wood, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education Office, 202 Prairie, Morrisonville, Illinois.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Jerry Wesley, Morrisonville; Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau, Taylorville; Ms. Patty Wood, Edinburg; Dr. David Lett, Pana; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork.

**PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:**

Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis – Mr. Eric Bruder

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Crystal Lawler, Assistant Director; Mrs. Fran Amling, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Pattie Hamlin, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Jeanne Vancil, Comptroller; Mrs. Amber Thorpe, CREATE; Ms. Susan Sullivan, Christian Region Secretary.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Presented for review and approval:

- Minutes from September 18, 2013,
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than eighteen months (none),
- October Payables totaling \$11,300.06 – notable items include legal fees,
- Christian Region September Payables to be approved at the Mid-State Special Education Executive meeting totaling \$1,833.24,
- Statement of Position, as of September 30, 2013 balances with the ending monthly balance of \$1,099,996.79,
- Receipts vs. Expenditures – Mrs. Lawler presented the September 30, 2013 receipts vs. expenditures.

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda as recommended: Mr. Graham; second Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**IEP Concerns** – Mrs. Lawler updated the board regarding an on-going IEP issue.

**Substitute Policy** – A discussion was held concerning a substitute request. This matter will be turned over to the finance committee for guideline recommendations for the future.

**Dynamic Learning Maps** – Mrs. Lawler and Mrs. Amling provided information regarding Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). DLM is a new alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The superintendents were in agreement that their districts are not interested in participating in the field tests.

**Mentoring Program for Students** – Mrs. Hamlin reported on the progress of the mentoring program for students that will be implemented at Nokomis North Elementary. This program will work toward raising assessment results for students with disabilities.

**Co-Teaching Professional Development** – Mrs. Lawler stated that several districts within the Mid-State Special Education Coop have expressed a need for professional development on Co-Teaching. The Region Core Administrative Team is collaborating with MC/C Region to secure the presenter.

**Common Core State Standards** – The Core Administrative Team has previewed several resources to support teachers in their efforts to align IEP goals and objectives with the CCSS.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Additional Positions** – Mrs. Lawler recommended for approval an additional part-time non-certified position (3.25 hours/day) to be assigned to the Nokomis Early Childhood program.

Motion to approve the addition of a part-time non-certified positions as recommended: Mr. Graham; second, Dr. Fuerstenau. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**Hiring Part-Time Non-Certified Staff** – Kendra Cox, Nokomis Early Childhood and Michele Anderson, Washington Elementary School, Pana.

Motion to hire part-time non-certified staff as recommended: Mr. Graham; second, Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

The next Christian Region Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.: Mr. Wesley; second, Dr. Fuerstenau. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ms. Susan Sullivan, Recording Secretary