

CHRISTIAN REGION of  
MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2013  
Morrisonville, IL 62546

Ms. Patty Wood, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:15 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; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis

**PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:**

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Brenda Patrick, Director; Mrs. Crystal Lawler, Assistant Director; Mrs. Fran Amling, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Pattie Hamlin, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Jeanne Vancil, Comptroller; Mrs. Amber Thorpe, CREATE; Mr. Scott Sims, CREATE; Ms. Katie Pohlman, Mid-State Special Education Intern; Ms. Susan Sullivan, Christian Region Secretary.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Presented for review and approval:

- Minutes from August 21, 2013,
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than eighteen months (none),
- September Payables totaling \$81,475.58 – notable items include legal fees, ERO fees,
- Christian Region September Payables to be approved at the Mid-State Special Education Executive meeting totaling \$317.53,
- Statement of Position, as of August 31, 2013 balances with the ending monthly balance of \$956,098.96,
- Receipts vs. Expenditures – Mrs. Lawler presented the August 31, 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.

**Making A Difference** – Mrs. Lawler presented the Making a Difference award to Ms. Antoinette Spinner, teacher at North Elementary School, Taylorville. Ms. Spinner was nominated by Mrs. Brandi Bruley, Principal at North Elementary School, Taylorville.

**Program Coordinators** – Mrs. Hamlin reported on the progress of special needs students across the Region on the ISAT/PSAE assessments. Mrs. Amling shared trends with regard to Early Childhood Outcomes and Individual Service Plans.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Committee Nominations** – Mrs. Lawler requested nominations for the Finance & Policy Committees. Dr. Fuerstenau will serve on the Finance Committee. Dr. Doerr will serve on the Policy Committee.

**Medical Certification Form** – Mrs. Lawler asked the board to approve use of the Medical Certification Form for or Home Hospital Instruction as presented to the Mid-State Special Education Board at their August meeting.

Motion to accept use of the form as requested: Mr. Graham; second, Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**Substitute Policy** – A discussion was held concerning the Christian Region substitute policy.

**Approval of Additional Positions** – Mrs. Lawler recommended for approval one additional part-time non-certified position (3 hours/day) to be assigned to Washington Elementary School, Pana. Additionally, Mrs. Lawler recommended for approval one additional part-time non-certified position (5 hours/day) to be assigned to North Elementary School, Nokomis.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Executive Session** – entered at 9:50 a.m.

Motion to enter Executive Session: Mr. Graham; second, Dr. Fuerstenau. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**Regular Session** – return to regular session at 9:56 a.m.

Motion to return to Regular Session: Dr. Lett; second, Mr. Graham. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Unpaid Maternity Leave** – Christina Ward, part-time non-certified, Taylorville Jr. High School.

**Unpaid 90 Day Leave of Absence** – Charla Starkweather, full-time non-certified, Stonington Elementary School.

**Hiring Part-Time Non-Certified Staff** – Carol Richter, Lincoln Elementary School, Pana and Michele Pavolka, North Elementary School, Nokomis.

Motion to accept unpaid maternity leave; unpaid 90 day leave of absence; hire part-time non-certified staff as recommended: Mr. Graham; second, Dr. Fuerstenau. Roll call yielded 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:**

The next Christian Region Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:59 a.m.: Mr. Graham; second, Dr. Mr. Wesley. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ms. Susan Sullivan, Recording Secretary