

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Regular Board Meeting  
Official Minutes  
January 17, 2018

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Mr. Fred Lamkey at 10:09 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville (exited meeting at 10:11 a.m.); Mr. Fred Lamkey, Edinburg; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Mr. Brad Turner, Mulberry Grove; Mr. Mike Shackelford, Brownstown; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. Dave Meister, Morrisonville; Ms. Debbie Poffinbarger, Litchfield

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Angela Armour, Director; Mrs. Lyn Becker, Administrator of Special Education Services; Mrs. Brandy Buske, Administrator of Special Education Services; Mrs. Michelle Rexroad, Business Manager; Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

Recognition of Visitors: None

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Nick Casey, Vandalia; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Mr. Jason Bauer, Pana; Ms. Julie Healy, St. Elmo; Dr. Wes Olson, Bond County

CONSENT AGENDA

The Balance Sheet for December 31, 2017 as well as the FY18 receipts versus expenditures report reflects the December 31<sup>st</sup> fund balance of \$2,063,781.20 which included Revenue of \$582,435.56 and expenditures totaling \$990,275.69. The projected January expenses are \$665,709.74 and the projected revenue of \$2,091.00 resulting in a projected January 31<sup>st</sup> fund balance of \$1,400,162.46.

The payables list for January was provided for review. MSSE Central total \$392,956.92, Bond/Fayette Region total \$966.15, Christian Region total \$6,763.39 and MC/C Region total \$2,786.18 with notable expenses indicated.

The Regular Session Minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting, the destruction of executive session audio recordings older than 18 months, the financial report and approval of payables were presented for approval.

A motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Turner to approve the Consent Agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Shelly Rexroad reminded districts that Excess Cost is due to the State of Illinois by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently, five out of the sixteen districts have submitted their Excess Cost and have been approved. Ms. Rexroad reported that if these are not turned in and approved by January 31<sup>st</sup>, the IDEA funds will stop flowing. Ms. Rexroad and Mrs. Armour offered to help in any way they can in order to help the districts get these completed and submitted.

Mrs. Armour reported that the Mid-State Action Plan was included in the advanced board packet. It provides updates and it is color coded for each Region. She noted that a list is kept throughout the year of activities that help us track our progress towards our goals and targets.

Mrs. Armour reported that she provided the Director's Goals in the advanced board packet. Mrs. Armour provided a mid-year update on her progress.

Mrs. Armour reported that in the past years, schools could be reimbursed for costs associated with tutoring students who were educated in the home or hospital setting through the regular Personnel Reimbursement process. When the Evidence Based Funding model became law, the funds associated with the Personnel line item were folded into the Evidence Based Funding line item as a part of each district's Base Funding Minimum. This was recently confirmed by IAASE. Mrs. Armour has received some questions on anticipated special education reimbursement. A table of the FY18 Special Education Pro-Ration Percentages was provided in the advance packet which may be helpful in financial planning.

Mrs. Armour reported that our clerical staff are finalizing the December 1<sup>st</sup> Child Count and it is due on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Armour reported that it is very important for the SIS data to match the I-Star data as this is what drives the IDEA reimbursement. Staff here will be closely looking at error reports and work with districts' SIS staff to make all corrections so that districts receive all funding they are eligible to receive.

Mrs. Armour reminded everyone that the Governing Board meeting is fast approaching and will be held on March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. She encouraged superintendents to work with their local board members to secure a representative to attend this meeting. A quorum of local school board members is required for the Governing Board to meet and conduct the required business.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Armour reported that the MSSE Seniority List for Certified and Non-Certified Staff are compiled for approval.

A motion made by Mr. Turner and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to approve the certified and non-certified seniority and start date lists, carried by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays.

Mrs. Armour reported that Mr. Lamkey will be completing her evaluation. Mr. Lamkey reported that he will be sending an email seeking input from all schools and district superintendents in order to complete the evaluation. Mr. Lamkey asked everyone to look at the updated Director's Goals Mrs. Armour provided as she gave a very good summary for everyone.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

##### Closed Session Minutes:

A motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Turner to recommend, after review of the MSSE Board meeting closed session minutes from October 18, 2017 and November 17, 2017, that the meeting minutes be opened carried by a voice vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Lamkey reported that at the Christian Region board meeting, Dr. Fuerstenau provided information that Taylorville intends to pull out from Mid-State by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Lamkey reported that initially this will not have a big impact on MC/C Region or Bond/Fayette Region; however, Dr. Doerr is also looking at Nokomis either decentralizing or a complete pull out and Mr. Bauer is considering Pana decentralizing or pulling out, so this could have a huge impact on the Christian Region small school districts. Mr. Lamkey reported that they have asked Mrs. Amour and Mrs. Becker to look at what the impact will occur given 4 different scenarios:

- Taylorville
- Taylorville and Nokomis
- Taylorville and Pana
- Taylorville, Nokomis and Pana

Mr. Lamkey stated that they have given a deadline of August 1, 2018 for providing this information so that there can be a plan in place for the remaining districts by the fall of 2019. Mr. Lamkey said there are several different options to look at, possibly combining the remaining Regions into one or eliminating the need for sub-regions. Mr. Lamkey reminded the board that there is more than one contract to consider. Mrs. Amour did report that both the Christian Region and the MC/C Region contracts are both due for negotiation at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Lamkey said that there will continue to be discussion each month regarding this matter and that hopefully by the end of the summer everyone will have a better idea of how the districts would like to proceed. Mr. Lamkey also reported that due to his location that some of the northern districts may contact SASSED regarding options.

The next Executive Committee Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-State office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Turner and seconded by Ms. Poffinbarger to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

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Chairperson

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