

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

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Mr. Aaron Hopper at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred Lamkey, Edinburg; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Mr. Steve Phillips, Mulberry Grove; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Dr. Wes Olson, Bond County; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Dr. Jennifer Garrison, Vandalia; Mr. Mike Shackelford, Brownstown; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Mr. Jason Bauer, Pana; Ms. Julie Healy, St. Elmo; Mr. Dave Meister, Morrisonville

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

Ms. Debbie Poffinbarger, Litchfield; Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular Session Minutes (September 19, 2018)
- Approval of Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 Months (None)
- Financial Report for FY19
- Accounts Payable Review & Approval
 - MSSE = \$408,565.33 October 17 Regular Bills
 - BF/MSSE = \$768.33 October 17 Regular Bills
 - CR/MSSE = \$2,260.78 October 17 Regular Bills
 - MCC/MSSE = \$2,270.99 October 17 Regular Bills

A motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the Consent Agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Armour reported that October is National Physical Therapy Month. This October, the national organization, APTA, will focus on raising awareness of physical therapy as a safe and effective alternative to opioids for treatment of chronic pain conditions. Americans continue to be prescribed and

to misuse opioids at alarming rates. This is important work, as is the work of our educational Registered Physical Therapists through TheraKids and our PT Assistants, Amy Ashmore and Gretchen Bland. Amy and Gretchen do an excellent job providing direct services to students to help them gain independence in the school setting as well as providing consultation to staff regarding accommodations, modifications, and adaptive PE. We thank them for their dedicated service. October is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month. We are blessed to celebrate our Transition Specialists, Randi Riemann, Joan Saatkamp, and Laura Snyder who are committed to guiding and assisting students so that they transition to college, career, technical school, or supported employment following graduation.

Mrs. Armour provided an update on the change in the distribution of IDEA funds by ISBE beginning in FY20. She referenced a copy of a letter IAASE sent to ISBE on October 8th requesting a delay of one year, to FY21, in the implementation related to distribution of IDEA funds. On Nov. 1 Mrs. Rexroad and Mrs. Armour will be meeting with the directors and business managers from Four Rivers and SASSED to collaborate on a number of items including distribution of IDEA funds and tracking for Excess Cost and ESSA. Also related to IDEA funding, on Monday ISBE published the final FY19 IDEA Part B Flow Through and Preschool allocation as well as Nonpublic Proportionate Share set asides. None of our district allocations or proportionate share amounts changed from the preliminary amounts published in May.

Mrs. Armour provided an update on current staffing and recruitment. She noted that we started the school year short in the areas of program coordinators, school social work, school psychology, and teacher of the visually impaired. We continue to make progress in some areas in recruiting and in making adjustments in expectations and priorities so that those doing extra duties are successful in serving the students and districts while maintaining some work-life balance. Mrs. Armour had an inquiry from a local student who will be completing his internship next year in school psychology. ISPA does not allow an intern to accept an internship until March 15 for the following year. However, our school psychologist and Mrs. Armour will be arranging to meet with him to learn more about this possibility. Last Friday, while on a college visit at ISU, Mrs. Armour learned that the student tour guide is a learning/behavior specialist and low vision and blindness double major. ISU has one of the two TVI programs in Illinois and this young lady was one of twenty in the program.

Mrs. Armour provided an update on insurance. She reported that there was an Egyptian Trust meeting last month where it was reported that the financial position is stabilizing with the implementation of reference based pricing. As the new FY19 rates were applied beginning in September, we did hear some concerns especially from aides, regarding the increase in premiums. Mrs. Armour has not received any new information from PSIC on the possibility of health insurance.

Mrs. Armour reported that Robin Yockey will be on-site the week of October 22nd to complete the FY18 audit. She noted that this is a few weeks later than scheduled due to a delay in providing the necessary financials for the pre-work. Mrs. Armour thanked Shelly Rexroad and our former comptroller, Jeanne Vancil who is helping part-time, for their many extra hours of work in preparation.

Reorganization Steering Committee Report

Mr. Hopper asked if there were any questions or concerns at this time and there were no concerns or questions voiced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Dr. Garrison and seconded by Mr. Lamkey to enter into Executive Session carried by a voice vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays at 10:12 a.m.

A motion made by Mr. Lamkey and seconded by Mr. Phillips to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays at 10:38 a.m.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel:

A motion made by Dr. Garrison and seconded by Mr. Graham to recommend the full-time employment of Mary Atkins as a school social worker as presented, beginning November 1, 2018 pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements, carried by a roll call vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Armour reported that due to the FY18 Audit needing to be presented prior to November 15th, there is a need to revise the November board meeting date. Dates of November 12th, 13th and 14th were presented. After discussion, it was determine that the best date for all board meetings in November will be the 13th at 10:00 a.m. with the Christian Region and Montgomery County/Carlinville meetings preceding the Executive Committee meeting. There will not be a November Bond/Fayette meeting on this date.

DISCUSSION

The next Executive Committee Board meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, November 13th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Dr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m., carried by a voice vote of 14 yeas, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

Chairperson

Date

Executive Secretary

Date