

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Regular Board Meeting
Official Minutes
November 13, 2018

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Mr. Aaron Hopper at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred Lamkey, Edinburg; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville (exited at 10:10 a.m.); Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. Jason Bauer, Pana; Mr. Dave Meister, Morrisonville; Mr. John Mullett, 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. Steve Phillips, Mulberry Grove; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Dr. Wes Olson, Bond County; Dr. Jennifer Garrison, Vandalia; Mr. Mike Shackelford, Brownstown; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Ms. Julie Healy, St. Elmo

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular Session Minutes (October 17, 2018)
- Approval of Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 Months (April 19, 2017 and May 17, 2017)
- Financial Report for FY19
- Accounts Payable Review & Approval of November Regular Bills
 - MSSE = \$464,831.49
 - BF/MSSE = \$6,842.94
 - CR/MSSE = \$2,793.87
 - MCC/MSSE = \$3,243.42

A motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to approve the Consent Agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Dr. Fuerstenau and seconded by Mr. Graham to move New Business after the Consent Agenda, carried by a voice vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays.

Mrs. Armour reported that due to another delay in the completion of the audit, we need to move our meetings up one week to Wednesday, December 12th. Mrs. Armour reported that we should have a quorum based upon the email feedback she received. Mrs. Armour thanked everyone for their input and flexibility.

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Mullett to move the December board meetings up to December 12th, 2018, carried by a voice vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays.

Mrs. Armour reported that there needs to be a replacement on the Mid-State Policy Committee from MC/C Region to replace Mrs. Poffinbarger. Mrs. Armour reported that Dr. Schuchman has agreed to serve on the Policy Committee.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Meister to appoint Dr. Schuchman to the Mid-State Policy Committee, carried by a voice vote of 9 yeas, 0 nays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Armour reported that this week, we celebrate National School Psychology Awareness Week which highlights the important work that school psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive. We employ ten school psychologists who do an excellent job serving our 16 districts. Mrs. Armour asked superintendents to please share their thanks with the school psychologist serving their district.

Mrs. Armour reported an update on the ISBE distribution of IDEA funds beginning in FY20. She noted that the advance packet contains information from a variety of sources and that we will need input from superintendents to make a decision in December or January as to how to best meet districts' needs in our cooperative as ISBE implements this change. This will be discussed further at the upcoming finance training that is being scheduled.

Mrs. Armour reported that the Excess Cost worksheets are available. She asked that superintendents please review the email in the advanced packet for more information and links sharing with district bookkeepers. Excess Cost will be included in the December 3rd training and work session that will be provided as this must be completed by Jan. 31st.

Mrs. Armour provided an insurance update. She has heard that the contract is not complete with an agreement at Memorial Medical Center. Mrs. Armour sent an email last Friday and is waiting on a response regarding an employee concern related to a claim with Memorial.

Reorganization Steering Committee Report

Mr. Hopper provided updates regarding the process and timelines of the reorganization. There will be a meeting focused on financials on December 3rd at the Mid-State office. This meeting will explain the financial aspects of the re-organization and how it will impact IDEA. The Steering Committee has been working closely with Shelly Rexroad to make some of the calculations. Mr. Hopper and Mrs. Armour will be meeting with the two union presidents to bring them up to speed on some of the timeline changes due to the possible reorganization of Mid-State going from four organizations to one organization. Mr. Hopper reported that the changes will require action at the Mid-State board meeting as well as action at district board meetings in January. The question before the board is whether some or all of the districts decentralize. That will determine if there will need to be a reduction of staff due to timing issues even though statistically we will continue to need all staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel:

None

DISCUSSION

The next Executive Committee Board meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Lamkey and seconded by Mr. Graham to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m., carried by a voice vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

Chairperson

Date

Executive Secretary

Date