

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Special Board Meeting  
Official Minutes  
January 30, 2019

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. John Mullett, Litchfield; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. Jason Bauer, Pana; 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; Mr. Fred Lamkey, Edinburg

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: Shane Jones, Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville; Mr. Dave Meister, Morrisonville; Mr. Steve Phillips, Mulberry Grove

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hopper reported that the Steering Committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and decided that it would be best to hold this meeting today due to the February timeline that was set for everyone to determine if their district will stay centralized or if they will become de-centralized. Mr. Hopper reported that the committee also discussed the Mid-State Central staff and Mr. Hopper reached out to Dr. Doerr to start discussion regarding the transfer of psychologists and social workers. Due to the shortage across the state, it is necessary to begin the work needed to secure the staff for next year. Mr. Hopper reported that both he and Mr. Powell have tried to reach out to everyone to discuss the structure of the Mid-State Assistant Director and Program Coordinator positions will look after the re-organization. Discussion will need to occur regarding the administrative structure and how many of the positions will be needed and what the roll of these positions will be. Mr. Hopper reported that several of the districts have received notices from the special education union requesting to bargain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to enter into Executive Session carried by a voice vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays at 10:05 a.m.

A motion made by Dr. Garrison and seconded by Dr. Olson to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays at 11:35 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Dr. Garrison to decentralize all teachers and aides pending dissolution of all regions, carried by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays, 2 present.

Mr. Hopper who will lead the Negotiation Committee appointed the following superintendents to this committee: Dr. Schuchman, Mr. Powell, Mr. Clark, Dr. Garrison, and Mr. Bauer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Dr. Garrison and seconded by Mr. Graham to return to closed session carried by a roll call vote of 11 yeas 0 nays at 11:40 a.m. Mr. Shackelford left meeting at 11:39 and Ms. Ritter was out of the room.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Ms. Ritter to return to open session carried by a voice vote of 12 yeas 0 nays at 11:59 a.m.

DISCUSSION

The next Executive Committee Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Ms. Garrison and seconded by Mr. Lamkey to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m., carried by a voice vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

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Chairperson

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