

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Regular Board Meeting
Official Minutes
April 17, 2019

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education Executive Committee was called to order by Assistant Chairman Dr. Wes Olson at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jason Bauer, Pana; Mr. Chris Clark, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville; Ms. Julie Healy, St. Elmo; Mr. Fred Lamkey, Edinburg; Mr. Mr. Steve Phillips, Mulberry Grove; Dr. Wes Olson, Bond County; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Ms. John Mullett, Litchfield (by Proxy Dr. Fuerstenau); Mr. Mike Shackelford, Brownstown

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Recognition of Visitors: Ms. Amber Thorpe and Mr. Scott Sims, CREATE Representatives

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Jennifer Garrison, Vandalia; Dave Meister, Morrisonville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Regular and Closed Session Minutes (March 20, 2019)
- Approval of Destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 Months (None)
- Financial Report for FY19
- Accounts Payable Review & Approval
 - MSSE = \$713,351.78
 - BF/MSSE = \$841.83
 - CR/MSSE = \$963.43
 - MCC/MSSE = \$1,540.80

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Bauer to approve the Consent Agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Director's Report

Mrs. Armour reported that the Child Count Certification was completed by the deadline for all districts.

Mrs. Armour reported that the districts selected to complete the Indicator 14 Post-School Survey state and federal requirement were notified last week by ISBE: Bond County #2, Carlinville, Litchfield, Morrisonville, Pana, St. Elmo, and South Fork. Mrs. Armour reported that I-Star data entry staff and Transition Specialist are working together to complete this information for our districts.

Mrs. Armour reported that the Maintenance of Effort worksheets were received Thursday April 11th from ISBE comparing FY17 and FY18 for compliance. In your packet, you will find a memo, your district MOE worksheet, and 3 blank worksheets including the exceptions sheet and AFR Reference sheet. The following districts met MOE using information from your AFR and Pupil Transportation Claim Report: Bond, Brownstown, Carlinville, Edinburg, Hillsboro, Morrisonville, Mulberry Grove, Nokomis, Pana, St. Elmo, South Fork, and Taylorville. These districts met the compliance standard of not reducing the level of expenditures below the level of those expenditures from the same source for the preceding fiscal year from at least once of the following sources: local funds only, combination of State and local funds, local funds on a per capita basis, or the combination of State and local funds on a per capita basis. Mrs. Armour reported that we have already begun looking for the allowable exceptions identified in 34 CFR 300.204 for Litchfield, Panhandle, Ramsey, and Vandalia. We will be in contact with you or your bookkeepers as additional information or documentation are needed.

Mrs. Armour provided an update on Professional Development Needs Assessment. You should have received an email on Wednesday asking you to forward the email and link to your district staff. We use this information to assist with planning and providing professional development, and it is also used in the IDEA grant portion of the Consolidated District Plan (CDP). As the results are available, we will share them with you along with additional district specific information that will be helpful in completing the CDP. In your packet there is a sheet containing helpful hints for the CDC sent out last Friday from ISBE based upon issues that caused recently submitted plans to be disapproved and sent back for changes. Under Private School Participation, for now you will skip the IDEA Funding Upload until the FY20 Timely and Meaning Consultation for your district is held next month with any private school or any home school. Mrs. Armour received the 2020 Preliminary IDEA Part B Allocation and Nonpublic Proportionate Share amounts yesterday. Mrs. Armour also received yesterday from ISBE the most current Profile of Special Education Data for 2017-18. It contains big picture information for the state, cooperative, and your district such as the number of children identified by age, disability, and the educational environment of placements. Mrs. Armour reported that we will use this data along with other district specific data to provide a summary to you for use in your CDC.

Mrs. Armour reported that a FOIA Request was received March 24th from Marcus Albrecht requesting the formula and calculation used for reporting teacher aide annual creditable earnings to IMRF. Mrs. Armour provided a response on March 29th.

Mrs. Armour reported that the Reorganization Steering Committee and Finance Committees have not met since our last meeting. The Negotiations Committee met with CREATE three times and completed impact bargaining and with McCSEA three times since the last meeting. The next session with McCSEA is scheduled for Monday beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Armour reported that we need to set Policy and Finance Committee meetings prior to the upcoming May meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Ritter to enter into Executive Session carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays at 10:14 a.m.

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Lamkey to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays at 10:29 a.m.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel:

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Ms. Ritter to employ Michaela Pattie as a full-time teacher of the hearing impaired, as presented, for the 2019-20 school year pending successful completion of all state and local employment recommendations, carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Dr. Fuerstenau and seconded by Mr. Bauer to approve the contracts and services agreements for FY20 as presented, carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Dr. Fuerstenau to recommend ratifying the Memorandum of Understanding regarding impact bargaining and the transfer of employment with CREATE, carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Dr. Doerr to approve the Resolution Transferring Licensed Professional Staff to Member Districts and the NPT Cooperative and the Resolution Transferring Educational Support Staff to member Districts and the NPT Cooperative, carried by a roll call vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays.

DISCUSSION

The regular Executive Committee Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-State office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

Chairperson

Date

Executive Secretary

Date