

**MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 16, 2012**

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:

Chairperson, Mr. David Powell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-State Special Education Office in Morrisonville, Illinois.

Members Present – Mr. Jerry Wesley, Morrisonville; Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau, Taylorville; Ms. Patty Wood, Edinburg; Dr. David Lett, Pana; Mr. Ron Graham, South Fork; Dr. Scott Doerr, Nokomis; Mr. Mike Gauch, Mulberry Grove; Mr. Jeff Strieker, Bond County; Mr. Adam Bussard, Brownstown; Ms. Deb Philpot, St. Elmo; Mr. Rich Well, Vandalia; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. Chad Allison, Litchfield.

Presentation of Proxies – None.

Members Absent – Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey.

Others Present – Ms. Alison Boutcher, Director; Ms. Brenda Patrick, Assistant Director Christian Region; Ms. Angie Armour, Assistant Director Montgomery Co./Carlinville Region; Ms. Crystal Lawler, Assistant Director Bond/Fayette Region; and Ms. Tammy Hadley, Secretary/Recorder. Visitors: Robin Yockey, Auditor; Maritza Leonhard, School Social Worker.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Presented for review and approval:

- Regular Session Minutes from September 18, 2012.
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than 18 months – none to destroy.
- Payables list – total \$851,344.50
 - \$833,105.48 = MSSE Central
 - \$987.68 = CR/MSSE
 - \$13,043.70 = BF/MSSE
 - \$4,027.64 = MC/MSSE
- Statement of Position – as of September 30, 2012, the fund balance for MSSE was \$1,445,853.76.
- Receipts vs. Expenditures – Ms. Boutcher presented the receipts vs. expenditures report.

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda: Mr. Strieker; second, Mr. Well. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY12 Audit – Auditor, Robin Yockey, presented the FY12 Auditor’s Report. Ms. Yockey reported positive fund balances for MSSE and all three sub-regions, no borrowing in FY12, and second year with no findings or management letters.

Motion to accept FY12 Auditor’s Report: Mr. Graham; second, Ms. Wood. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Direct Energy Contract – Ms. Boutcher presented a contract renewal from Direct Energy stating that the current 18-month contract is due for renewal in December. The rate for the current contract is \$0.0627. Ms. Boutcher provided superintendents with rate and term options for December 2012. She and Mr. Powell discussed the options and recommended the board approve a 24-month contract with a rate of \$0.05366.

Motion to approve 24-month Direct Energy contract effective January 2013: Mr. Allison; second, Mr. Graham. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

You Make the Difference Award – Following a presentation by Maritza Leonhard, School Social Worker, regarding her work with pre-teen and teenage girls in the Bond County School District, Ms. Boutcher recognized and presented her with the *You Make the Difference Award*.

Special Education Excess Cost – Ms. Boutcher provided superintendents with a historical accounting of funds disbursed for special education Excess Cost. Excess Cost can be claimed on students whose program costs exceed 4 times the district’s per capita tuition rate. For FY12 reimbursement is prorated at only 2.30%. Only two districts had students who qualified for Excess Cost – Bond County and Ramsey.

School Nurses – Ms. Boutcher discussed the new requirement regarding school nurses that will go into effect beginning July 1, 2013. While there is time to work on compliance with the new regulation, Ms. Boutcher surveyed the member districts. She provided results that indicated whether or not districts employ certified school nurses and whether or not districts will need assistance in meeting the new requirement. Thirteen of our sixteen member districts will need some sort of assistance. Ms. Boutcher and the Assistant Directors will continue analyzing information to assist districts in complying with the new regulation.

DISCUSSION:

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-State Central Office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m.: Mr. Well; second, Mr. Wesley. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Tammy Hadley, Recorder

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date