

**MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 19, 2013**

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:

Chairperson, Mr. David Powell called the meeting to order at 10:02 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; Mr. Rich Well, Vandalia; Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. Chad Allison, Litchfield.

Presentation of Proxies – None.

Members Absent – Ms. Deb Philpot, St. Elmo.

Others Present – Ms. Alison Boutcher, Director; Ms. Brenda Patrick, Assistant Director Christian Region; Ms. Angie Armour, Assistant Director Montgomery/Carlinville Region; Ms. Crystal Lawler, Assistant Director Bond/Fayette Region; and Ms. Tammy Hadley, Secretary/Recorder.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Presented for review and approval:

- Regular and Executive Session Minutes from February 19, 2013.
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than 18 months – none to destroy.
- Payables list – total \$421,846.39
 - \$409,956.46 = MSSE Central
 - \$921.41 = CR/MSSE
 - \$6,091.69 = BF/MSSE
 - \$4,876.83 = MC/MSSE
- Statement of Position – as of February 28, 2013, the fund balance for MSSE was \$953,878.25.
- 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.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Boutcher reminded the superintendents that the comment period on the ISBE class size regulations is open until April 22nd. She encouraged them and their principals to comment in support of eliminating the 70/30 rule as it applies to the definition of a general education classroom and in support of elimination of class size restrictions for special education classes.

Disability Data –Ms. Boutcher provided superintendents with recent information from ISBE on disability data for their individual districts, the state, and the cooperative for the 2011-2012 school year. She reminded them that the area the state has targeted for its focused monitoring is the education environment and highlighted two items – the percentage of students with IEPs educated in the general education classroom more than 80% of the day (the current state target on the performance plan is 52%) and the percentage outside of the general education classroom more than 40% of the day. Ms. Boutcher also provided a color-coded summary spreadsheet to allow districts to see where their individual district percentages in comparison to the state and coop’s percentages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Infinitec Contract Renewal – Ms. Boutcher presented a renewal contract for Infinitec, assistive technology coalition. The annual fee, which is unchanged from last year, is based upon \$.55 per child enrolled in member districts (around \$10,000). She explained that the fee is paid through the IDEA grant.

Motion to approve renewal of the Infinitec contract as recommended: Mr. Graham; second, Mr. Allison. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Contracting Services with Rochester School District – Ms. Boutcher reported that Rochester School district is interested in continuing contractual services for OT supervision and the Vision Itinerant Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Boutcher reviewed numbers and spoke with the staff that provide these services and indicated we can assist Rochester with their needs. She asked for authorization to negotiate the contractual services for next school year.

Motion to authorize Director to negotiate contractual services for OT supervision and Vision Itinerant Teacher with Rochester School District for the 2013-2014 school year: Mr. Allison; second, Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Letter of Retirement – Ms. Boutcher presented the irrevocable letter of retirement from Debbie Glenn, School Psychologist serving the Pana School District in Christian Region. The retirement is effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Glenn has provided TRS documentation showing she meets the requirements for retirement with no ERO cost and thus qualifies for the 6% retirement bonus per the MSSE policy starting in the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion to accept the irrevocable letter of retirement from Debbie Glenn effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year: Dr. Lett; second, Ms. Wood. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter executive session at 10:25 a.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Joint Agreement: Mr. Well; second, Mr. Wesley. Roll call yielded 15 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to return to open session at 10:35 a.m.: Mr. Well; second, Mr. Hopper. Roll call yielded 14 yeas, 0 nays (one board member left meeting prior to returning to open session). Motion carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to approve Director's evaluation: Mr. Well; second, Mr. Gauch. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mid-State Central Office in Morrisonville. In addition, the Budget Hearing and Governing Board Meeting are scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mid-State Central Office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.: Dr. Lett; second, Mr. Hopper. Voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Tammy Hadley, Recorder

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date