

Mid-State Special Education  
Montgomery County/Carlinville Region  
Region Board Meeting  
September 17, 2014  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education, Montgomery County/Carlinville Region Board was called to order by Secretary Mr. David Powell at 9:24 a.m. Present were Mr. Aaron Hooper, Panhandle; Mr. John Mullett, Litchfield; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Ms. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville (Representing Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinville)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Angela Armour, Assistant Director; Brenda Patrick, Director; Mrs. Vickie Throne, Secretary

Recognition of Visitors: Jill Wright, MC/CSEA representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinville

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported that the Statement of Position for August 31, 2014 is available for review as well as the FY15 receipts versus expenditures report. Mrs. Armour reported that the ending monthly balance for August was \$1,231,587.97. Expenditures for September are anticipated at \$387,000.00. The projected September 30, 2014 ending balance is \$849,326.02.

Mrs. Armour presented a brief review of the monthly payables for September. The payables list for September totaled \$1,750.24.

The open and executive session minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting, the destruction of executive session audio recordings older than 18 months, the financial report and approval of bills were presented for approval.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve the consent agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Armour reported that we have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Faculty meeting in each district. Highlights of information shared were PARCC and DLM updates, Interactive Classroom Strategies, connecting the New Illinois Learning Standards to IEP Goals, and expectations for proficient and excellent lesson planning. We ended each meeting by watching and then discussing two videos from The Teaching Channel on Building Relationships and one on Inquiry-Based Teaching: Supporting Quieter Students.

Mrs. Armour reported that on September 10, eleven educators met during the monthly Life Skills meeting from 4:00-5:00. The topic this month focused solely on the new Dynamic Learning Map-Alternate Assessment that our teachers will be administering this spring during a six week window to students who qualify for Illinois Alternate Assessment. The ISBE and DLM websites are changing daily and several webinars are scheduled this month for the test coordinator. In preparation, IEPs must be accurate and reflect some changes due to the new DLM-AA, so examples and timelines were shared. In addition, Crystal Hatley, teacher at Lincolnwood, and Bridget Miller, teacher at Carlinville Middle & High schools shared their experiences being part of the DLM Field Test last year. They were both pleased that they had the opportunity to have input into changing components that were not user friendly or obstacles for students.

Mrs. Armour reported that CPI Re-certification courses will be offered on Oct. 3 in Carlinville and on Oct. 10 in Litchfield along with a CPR, AED, first aid course. These trainings have been planned for our assistants who will be completing a required contractual work day, but others are welcome.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to enter into Executive Session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:35 a.m.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Ms. Schuchman to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:41 a.m.

#### ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### Personnel:

##### Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to recommend employing Toni Hobbs as a temporary employee for a period not to exceed 8 weeks beginning on August 25, 2014 at a daily rate of \$80.00, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to recommend approving maternity leave for Bria Richter from approximately November 25, 2014 through February 17, 2015, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

##### Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Ms. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Mullett to recommend the employment of Nikki Totsch as a temporary assistant at the hourly rate of \$10.23 pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Ms. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Hopper to recommend approval of the unpaid leave of absence, as requested, for Susan Farris-Howard beginning January 30, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to recommend approving a leave of absence for Jamie Gunning due to military duty for advanced training beginning October 8 through December 5, 2014 with pay and benefits in accordance with 5 ILCS 325/1 and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.7b, as applicable, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### DISCUSSION

The next MC/C Region Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 15th, at 9:15 a.m. at the MC/C Region office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Ms. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Mullett to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Throne, Recording Secretary