

Mid-State Special Education
Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region
Region Board Meeting
March 18, 20115
OFFICIAL MINUTES

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education, Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region Board was called to order by Chairman Mike Kelly at 9:15 a.m. Present were Mr. Aaron Hooper, Panhandle; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville; Mr. John Mullett, Litchfield

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Angela Armour, Assistant Director; Mrs. Brandy Buske, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Vickie Throne, Secretary

Recognition of Visitors: Jill Wright, MC/CSEA representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported that the Statement of Position for February 28, 2015 is available for review as well as the FY15 receipts versus expenditures report. Mrs. Armour reported that the ending monthly balance for February was \$1,289,304.03. Mrs. Armour reported that the March expenditures are anticipated at \$99,000.00. The projected March 31, 2015 ending balance is \$1,310,805.60.

Mrs. Armour presented a brief review of the monthly payables for March. The payables list for March totaled \$2,111.42.

The open and executive session minutes of the February 25, 2015 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. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the consent agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Armour reported that Infinetec provided on on-site iTechnology training with Susan Stokes, CCC-SLP, on February 26, 2015. The training focused on using high tech interventions and supports to address the behavioral and academic needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other disabilities. Susan shared numerous apps and computer programs that are highly recommended for students with special needs. In addition, she provided participants with some excellent online resources for research based interventions and training.

Mrs. Armour thanked all of the principals who met with us to review student projections and provide input regarding staff for their schools for the 2015-16 school year. We also appreciate the time of each superintendent who met with us to finalize our staff needs and programming for each district.

Mrs. Armour reported that the MC/C Design Committee held their first meeting after school on January 13 following the training that was provided in November. The committee is made up of Mrs. Armour, Lyn Becker, Brandy Buske, Jill Wright, Megan Becker, and Ariel Rairden. Information was shared and a monthly meeting date was established through the end of this school year. Members of the Design Committee are planning to attend the training, "Designing Quality PERA Aligned Assessments: Investigating Types I, II, & III" on April 30.

Mrs. Armour reported that our Retirement & Recognition Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 at Lincoln Land Community College in Litchfield from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Armour announced that Nancy Roasio, school social worker assigned to all Litchfield district schools as well as Farmersville and Raymond Grade Schools in Panhandle, will be recognized with the Above and Beyond Award later today. Ms. Roasio consistently goes above and beyond to meet the many needs of students, staff and families. Congratulations to Nancy for her dedication and for going “Above and Beyond.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Hopper to enter into Executive Session carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:25 a.m.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Powell to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:35 a.m.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel:

Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Hopper to accept the resignation of Melissa Killam, teacher at Carlinville High School, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve a medical leave for Tracy Soots beginning March 31, 2015, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the resolution of the following non-reemployment of probationary educational support personnel effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year: Kelli McCaherty, Lori Pope, and Nikki Totsch, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of educational support personnel, Lisa Edwards, effective March 25, 2015, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Armour reported that we need to establish a committee who will assist with negotiations with MC/CSEA. Mr. Mike Kelly and Mr. Aaron Hopper both volunteered to serve on this committee along with Mrs. Brenda Patrick and Mrs. Angela Armour. Mrs. Armour shared that after conversation with Ms. Wright, we plan to begin meeting the first week of June.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Hopper asked Mrs. Armour to provide the cost of TRS to the districts if the State of Illinois were to shift the full cost of the TRS to the districts.

The next MC/C Region Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 15, 2014, at 9:15 a.m. at the MC/C Region office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Mullett to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vickie Throne, Recording Secretary