

MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY/CARLINVILLE REGION
Regular Board Meeting
Official Minutes
May 15, 2019

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education, Montgomery County/Carlinville Region Board was called to order by Chairman Mr. David Powell at 9:22 a.m. Present were Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. John Mullet, Litchfield; Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville; Mr. Aaron Hooper, Panhandle

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Brandy Buske, Administrator of Special Education Services; Mrs. Vickie Throne, Secretary

Recognition of Visitors: None

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Balance Sheet for April 30, 2019 as well as the FY19 receipts versus expenditures report is included for your review. The ending monthly balance for April was \$1,639,941.46. The May projected expenditures this month is anticipated at \$786,796.32. The projected May 31, 2019 ending balance is anticipated at \$853,545.14.

There May payables total \$9,218.32.

The open session minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting, the destruction of executive session audio recordings older than 18 months, the financial report and approval of bills were presented for approval.

A request to approve to pay any remaining regular June and end of FY19 bills as well as the July bills is requested as part of the consent agenda. The bills list will be provided to the Executive Board members prior to the August meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Buske provided a brief summary of the FY20 Preliminary Budget. Revenue is down 95.58% of \$241,997.60. This includes FY19 IDEA preschool reimbursement for July and August, projected administrative outreach, and interest. Expenditures are down 83.70% of \$883,186.42. This includes FY19 contracted salaries and benefits for July and August, unemployment, MAC claim fees, legal, and bank fees. Expenditures ending balance is

\$204,751.67. Mr. Hopper asked for clarification regarding why there a budget for FY20 is required since there will no longer be a MC/C Region. Mrs. Buske reported that there are still payrolls that run through August along with other expenses related to the dissolution of the region. The administrative team will determine how utilize the fund balance. The suggestion was made to use this balance for expenses related to the dissolution of the MC/C Region.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to approve the FY20 MC/C Region Preliminary Budget, as presented carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve that the remaining fund balance of \$204,751.67 stay the at Mid-State Central level to be used for future region expenses, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Buske reported that we have CPI Training scheduled for administrators on June 3 starting at 8a.m. and ending by 4 p.m. Hillsboro School District is hosting the event to be held at the Junior High School. Any administrators who wish to attend need to contact Vickie Throne by May 24th to confirm attendance.

Mrs. Buske reported that during the Retirement and Recognition Reception on May 2 we recognized retiring assistants Connie Jarman and Ruth Ernst along with employees for years of service. Mrs. Buske would like to thank Mr. Powell for his opening statements.

Mrs. Buske reported that we presented Mr. Jerry Woods with the "Above and Beyond" award. Mr. Woods provides transportation for Hillsboro High School students participating in S.T.E.P (Secondary Transitional Experience Program). Mr. Woods is described as a caring adult who goes "Above and Beyond" for students on a regular basis. One nominator stated that, "As the work study van driver, for Hillsboro High School, Jerry Woods always builds a strong relationship with the student workers. He encourages the students to be responsible and reliable workers. He does an amazing job!" During the S.T.E.P. breakfast held on May 3, 2019 students thanked their employers for their work experiences and every student thanked Jerry Woods. One student shared, "Mr. Woods is more than a driver, and he makes me want to do better". Another student commented, "Jerry encourages me and listens to me". Certainly the students driven by Mr. Woods have encountered a charismatic adult who has made a positive difference in their lives. Mr. Woods was presented his award on May 7, 2019.

Mrs. Buske reported that the final class lists were sent in May. The clerical staff will continue to review accuracy reports within I-Star and EmbraceIEP to prepare for July 1 roll-up of students. Mrs. Buske would like to thank Shay Jones for working to keep up with Bond/Fayette student information since the resignation Mrs. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Buske reported that we have included a Medicaid 101 for School Superintendents; handout. A brief summary of the information is as follows:

Healthy Schools Campaign; (HSC is an independent not-for-profit organization, considers themselves a leading authority on healthy school environments and an expert voice for people who care about the health and education of children. HSC began working within the Chicago area in 2002 and has grown into a national organization supported by the US Department of Education.) The Healthy Schools Campaign made the following recommendations to the Governor;

Recommendation 1: Complete Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Plan Amendment addressing the Free Care Rule.

-Currently school districts can bill for services provided to Medicaid-enrolled students with IEPs, the free care rule prevents schools from receiving reimbursement for services delivers to non-

special education students enrolled in Medicaid. Reversing the Free Care Rule will allow districts to expand Medicaid reimbursement.

Recommendation 2: Update state school district billing guide and related resources to support Free Care Rule reversal.

Recommendation 3: Require additional Medicaid reimbursement revenue be reinvested into school health services.

-School districts should reinvest additional federal reimbursement for Medicaid services into health support services that supplement, but do not supplant, existing school resources.

“Free Care” Medicaid School Based Services; handout

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett 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. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 10:05 a.m.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve the Impact Bargaining Tentative Agreement with Montgomery/Carlinville Special Education Association, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Personnel:

Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Dr. Schuchman to approve the resignation of Kimberly Baker, Jessica Kelly, and Shannon Billington, full-time special education teachers, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the resignation of Natasha Stellhorn, full-time speech language pathologist, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Dr. Schuchman and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve the maternity leave for Heather Ebling beginning August 13, 2019 through October 3, 2019 if recalled back from RIF, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve irrevocable retirement of Ruth Ernst, assistant, effective August 15, 2019, carried by a roll call vote of yeas, 0 nays.

DISCUSSION

The next and final MC/C Region Board meeting is being rescheduled by the Mid-State Executive board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary

Chairperson

Date

Executive Secretary

Date