

Mid-State Special Education
Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region
Region Board Meeting
April 16, 2013
OFFICIAL MINUTES

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education, Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region Board was called to order by Secretary Mr. Aaron Hopper at 9:33 a.m. Present were Mr. Aaron Hooper, Panhandle; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Recognition of Visitors: None

PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:

Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro for Mr. Chad Allison, Litchfield

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Chad Allison, Litchfield

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported that the Statement of Position for March 31, 2013 was available for review as well as the FY13 receipts versus expenditures report. Mrs. Armour reported that the ending monthly balance for March was \$1,367,494.74. Mrs. Armour reported that the March expenditures were \$409,425.47. The April projected expenditures are anticipated at \$415,270.42. The second FY13 Personnel Reimbursement payment has been received and will flow to the Region this month. The projected April 30, 2013 ending balance is \$1,133,437.29.

Mrs. Armour presented a brief review of the monthly payables for April. The payables list for April totaled \$31,170.42.

Mrs. Armour provided a brief review of the legal expenses that we have been billed for up to this point. Mrs. Armour reported that the proposed amended budget amount for legal expenses that was presented last month is not a realistic number. Mrs. Armour provided a summary of FY13 legal expenses which are nearly all personnel related including the arbitration, negotiations, and an employee matter. She will be updating the budgeted legal expenses from \$42,000 to \$50,000.00 prior to the Governing Board meeting.

The open and executive session minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting board 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. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly 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 a CPI recertification courses which will be held on May 8 at LLCC in Litchfield for certified teachers, SLPs, and district staff who are due for renewal this year and have not attended district trainings offered earlier in the year.

Mrs. Armour reported that the transition session is scheduled for tonight from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Land Community College. It is open to the public and child care will be provided for families.

Mrs. Armour reported that we are holding our 4th quarter faculty meetings and we are focusing primarily on IEP compliance related topics. We are also sharing a recent analysis of many studies that looked at effective interventions for individuals with ADHD. When comparing the effectiveness of medical intervention, behavioral intervention or a combination of the two, the research shows that 25% of the student who receive no intervention return to a "normalized" state within 14 months. Students who receive the following interventions return to a "normalized" state as follows: behavioral intervention only 34%, medical intervention only 56%, and combined behavioral and medical 68%. The researchers suggest that teaching self-control strategies using a methodical approach can enhance treatment outcomes of individuals with and without medication. Lyn Becker can provide more information about how to directly teach self-control.

Mrs. Amour reported that we have begun working on the Indicator 14-Post Secondary Outcomes. Carlinville, Litchfield, and Panhandle superintendents received notice last week that went to all small unit districts and is due by September 30, 2013. We have already printed the student specific surveys and provided them to Laura Snyder. She and the coordinator will work with the high school staff to ensure that the contacts are made and surveys are completed. We will enter the information here at the office when the district is complete.

Mrs. Amour reported that we have a total of 17 children who require ESY services. Seven students will receive therapies at home and 10 children will be served in our programs which we are planning to hold at JD Colt in Litchfield this year.

Mrs. Armour reported that our 6th annual Retirement and Recognition reception is scheduled for May 1 from 3:45 to 5:00 with the presentation at 4:30 p.m. We will be honoring three retirees, Alison Boutcher, Janice Johnson, and Diana Putnam, recognizing MC/C Region staff for years of service, and wishing Mr. Allison well in his new position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Amour reported that ISBE is requiring Timely and Meaningful Consultations be held by May 31, 2013 instead of in the fall. The TMCs for Carlinville, Hillsboro, and Panhandle will be at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21 prior to the MC/C Region Board meeting. The TMC for Litchfield will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Unit office.

DISCUSSION

The next MC/C Region Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the MC/C Region office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,