

Mid-State Special Education
Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region
Region Board Meeting
May 21, 2013
OFFICIAL MINUTES

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The regular meeting of the Mid-State Special Education, Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region Board was called to order by Chairman Mr. Chad Allison at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mr. Aaron Hooper, Panhandle; Mr. Chad Allison, Litchfield; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Angela Armour, Assistant Director; Mrs. Lyn Becker, Program Coordinator; Mrs. Vickie Throne, Secretary; Jeanne Vancil, Comptroller

Recognition of Visitors: None

PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported the ending fund balance for April 30, 2013 was \$1,215,154.53. Projected expenditures for May are anticipated at \$670,000.00 which includes two exempt and two non-exempt payrolls. The anticipated May 31, 2013 ending balance is \$727,259.24. The balance will allow the Region to meet the July obligations without early receipt of FY14 assessments.

The revised payables list for May totaled \$11,876.60. Mrs. Armour reported that although not on the Region bills, we have processed and are reimbursing districts this month through MC/C Region in-service funds for substitute costs related to professional development that were incurred this year. Approval was requested to pay June and July bills since a board meeting will not be held until August.

The open and executive session minutes of the April 16, 2013 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. Kelly 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. Lyn Becker reported that we have had a great ending to the year and we hope to start the 2013-14 school year out with all of the staff we currently have.

Mrs. Armour reported that the Disability Law Workshop held on April 16 was a huge success. Over 75 parents and educators attended to meet with agency representatives and hear Mr. Farley, attorney, present on guardianship and the transition to adult services for individuals with disabilities. Special thanks were given to Laura Snyder and the other transition specialists for arranging the event and to the 13 agency representatives who participated in the event. Mrs. Armour also recognized the volunteers that provided child care throughout the evening so that parents could participate: behavior specialist, Mickey Stephenson; special education teachers, Laura Lee Huber, Bridget Smith, and Shannon Billington; assistant, Tommy Miller; and youth volunteers, Katelyn Huber, Claire Huber, and Kelsey Jennings.

Mrs. Armour reported that the 6th annual MC/C Region Recognition and Retirement Reception was well attended again this year and thanked all those who were able to attend.

Mrs. Armour recognized and thanked Mr. Allison who has served as MC/C Region Secretary and President of the Board and also served on the negotiation committee representing the Board this past year. Best wishes were given to him and his family as they relocate in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel:

Certified Staff

None

Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the resignations of Amanda Heimsness-Dowdy, assistant at Carlinville Primary and Amy Walton, assistant at Carlinville High School effective May 21, 2013, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Kelly to recommend approval of the resolution of non-reemployment of probationary educational support personnel, Brittany Huber effective May 28, 2013; JoAnn Klein effective May 17, 2013; and Victoria Wernle effective July 2, 2013, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Extended School Year Staff

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly to recommend approval of staff, as presented, to provide extended school year services, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Armour reviewed the FY14 MC/C Region proposed budget. Overall, IDEA funding the flows to the Region is remaining constant, and we are seeing a slight increase in the expenditure budget given salary increases even given reductions in staff. Mrs. Armour reported that there may be minor adjustments made prior to the August Board meeting. A copy of the Levy and Assessment Schedule will be provided to districts in August when we finalize the budget.

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the FY14 MC/C Region budget as presented, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Mrs. Armour provided a brief review of the Tentative Assignments for MC/C Region staff. The assignments reflect minimal adjustment for both teachers and assistants.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Kelly to recommend the overall decrease in the Montgomery County/Carlinville Region of two certified teachers, three full-time assistants, and two part-time assistants as well as approval of the tentative assignments for certified and non-certified staff for the 2013-14 school year, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Allison to elect Mr. Hopper as the MC/C Region President and Mr. Kelly as the MC/C Region Secretary for the 2013-14 school year, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to approve the 2013-14 MC/C Region Board schedule, as presented, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

DISCUSSION

The next MC/C Region Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 9:15 a.m. at the MC/C Region office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Throne, Recording Secretary