

Mid-State Special Education
Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region
Region Board Meeting
February 19, 2014
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. Aaron Hopper at 9:18 a.m. Present were Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville; Mr. David Powell, Hillsboro

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Recognition of Visitors: Jill Wright, MC/CSEA representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. John Mullett, Litchfield

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported that the Statement of Position for December 31, 2013 and January 31, 2014 are available for review as well as the FY14 receipts versus expenditures report. The projected February 28, 2014 ending balance is \$1,564,574.92.

The payables list for January totaled \$2,630.32 and February totaled \$962.57.

The open and executive session minutes of the December 18, 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. Powell to approve the consent agenda, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Armour reported that our Life Skills teachers continue to meet monthly after school. Since late fall, the location has been on the move as different teachers have hosted the group in their classrooms which allows for them to share. In January, Nel Damon from the Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project attended and provided training on social skills and communication. Thanks to our hosts this school year, Kristy DeLuka, Kaitlyn Kramer, Ariel Rairden, and Shannon Billington as well as Mickey Stephenson and Brandy Buske for arranging and facilitating these opportunities.

Mrs. Armour reported that the 3rd Quarter Faculty Meetings are underway. Information being shared includes state testing, research based interventions, end of the year timelines, defensible IEPs, and domain 3 in our Summative Evaluation tool. We are sharing the www.teachingchannel.org website which is an excellent resource.

Mrs. Armour reported that Region V of the Illinois Association of Administrators of Special Education hosted a free workshop on February 7 on manifestation determination legal requirements, compliance, and case law. Brandon Wright of Miller, Tracy, Braun was the attorney who provided the training. Our school psychologists, social workers, coordinators, and I attend this workshop which was very beneficial.

Mrs. Armour reported that on April 8, we are hosting the workshop, Visual Literacy in Teaching and Learning, which is being provided at no charge in our area by Infinetec. This training will focus on a system that allows students with severe physical and/or multiple challenges access the curriculum to

maximize student learning. The number of participants is limited, so we have targeted the teachers who currently have students with these characteristics. We will also receive a few free curriculum modules that we will disperse throughout the region.

Mrs. Armour reported that we are finalizing projections and will be meeting with principals to obtain their input before meeting with superintendents regarding recommendations for the 2014-15 school year.

Mrs. Armour reported that although we have encountered numerous delays and complications with the DLM field test, Brandy Buske and our teachers who are participating in the field test are to be commended! The first assessment window opened on Monday and will close February 28. All teachers can now access KITE and see their rosters. A few have been able to complete the next step of assigning a test. Most have not. Teachers have completed the training, are asking good questions, and are diligently working on the next steps as they become available. The difficulties encountered are not unique to us. We are learning a lot, and we will certainly have considerable feedback to provide when the opportunity is provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly to enter into Executive Session carried by a voice vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays at 9:31 a.m.

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays at 9:49 a.m.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly that after review of closed session minutes from August through December 2013, I recommend opening the September 18, 2013 and October 16, 2013 minutes, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays.

ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel:

Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Kelly to recommend the employment of Lauren Fuller as a full-time speech language pathologist for the 2014-2015 school year, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to accept the retirement of Cynthia Dabbs, speech language pathologist, at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays

Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to recommend accepting the resignation of Amy Wills, assistant, effective January 17, 2014, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Powell to recommend the employment of Jamie Gunning as a full-time assistant, effective January 21, 2014 pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements, carried by a roll call vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION

The next MC/C Region Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 19, 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. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Throne, Recording Secretary