

Mid-State Special Education  
Montgomery County/Carlinsville Region  
Region Board Meeting  
June 17, 2015  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Recognition of Visitors: None

PRESENTATION OF PROXIES:

Mr. Aaron Hopper, Panhandle for Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Mike Kelly, Carlinsville

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Armour reported that the Statement of Position for May 31, 2015 is available for review as well as the FY15 receipts versus expenditures report. Mrs. Armour reported that the ending monthly balance for May was \$1,033,808.69. Mrs. Armour reported that the June projected revenue includes \$56,000.00 in IDEA Flow-thru. June expenditures are anticipated at \$387,000. The projected June 30, 2015 ending balance is \$703,234.49.

Mrs. Armour presented a brief review of the monthly payables for June. The payables list for June totaled \$1,882.54. Approval was requested to pay any remaining FY15 bills in June and the July bills with presentation being provided prior to the August Board meeting.

The open and executive session minutes of the May 20, 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 two half-day sessions of CPI Recertification were offered in May and one is scheduled for August 14. Two Full-day certification courses were held in May and June. We have another full-day course scheduled for August 14. All district staff are welcome to attend at no charge.

Mrs. Armour reported that the professional development provided by Dr. Villa on June 10 and 11 was excellent according to Mrs. Becker who attended both days along with several teachers from your districts and across the cooperative.

Mrs. Armour reported that there has been much excitement since we announced to staff that we will have a new IEP program in the upcoming school year. On July 9, Coordinators, clerical, and a teacher representative from each district will participate in a full day train-the-trainer in-service on our new Power IEP program. We will offer two 3 hour trainings for teachers and SLPs prior to the start of school.

Additional after school sessions will also be scheduled in August and there is an online training that Mrs. Becker has viewed that is also an option for staff. We are offering several options so that everyone is able to access and use the new program as soon as possible.

Mrs. Armour reported that on August 11, we are partnering with the ROE to provide "Student Growth in Evaluations for Special Education Teachers." This training will provide an overview of the six Modules and focus on writing Student Learning Objectives.

Mrs. Armour reported that on August 12 we will begin our mentoring and induction program with our new teachers and their mentors.

Mrs. Armour reported that on August 13, Laura Snyder will offer professional development for our teachers of students who are transition age. Transition has become the most important and driving force in IEP development and services for our older students. Information learned from the recent due process hearing related to transition services and documentation will also be shared.

Mrs. Armour reported that our Design Committee met again on May 21 to review information different participants obtained from trainings attended April 23, April 30, May 4, and May 11. Mrs. Buske and Mrs. Becker are finalizing the process, timeline, and forms we will use to pilot with some teachers beginning in August. Given the diversity of the students we serve in the 4 districts and 18 schools, there are not common Type 1 or Type 2 assessments that we feel will work. So, we will be piloting the use of Student Learning Objectives.

Mrs. Armour reported that she is looking at assignments for psychologists and social workers. We have been fortunate to have consistent assignments for many years and excellent and dedicated teams who work more hours than you know in order to meet the needs. However, as district school configurations have changed as well as enrollment numbers, the assignments may no longer be equitable. We have collected end of the year enrollment numbers, number of IEPs, initial evaluations, and re-evaluations by district and school. Mrs. Armour is still in the process of analyzing all of this information, but expects that some minor adjustments will be made.

Mrs. Armour reported that Extended School Year services which started on June 8 are going well. Mrs. Buske reported that the students are attending regularly and are settled into the new routine. We have a wonderful staff again this year and also thanked Mr. Favre and his staff at Madison Park for accommodating us this year.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullet to enter into Executive Session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:36 a.m.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to return to open session carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays at 9:50 a.m.

#### ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### Personnel:

##### Certified Staff

None

##### Non-Certified Staff

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the medical dismissal of Joyce Spaid who is unable to return to her position following an approved leave of absence due to medical reasons, effective June 17, 2015, 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 Catherine Johnson, effective August 1, 2015, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve the reemployment of the following full-time assistants for the 2015-16 school year: Lisa Edwards, Kelli McCaherty, and Michelle Balla, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to approve the employment of the following full-time assistants for the 2015-16 school year pending successful completion of all state and local employment requirements: Beth Matthews and Arrietta Lemon, carried by a roll call vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Mr. Mullett to elect Mr. Powell as the MC/C Region President and Mr. Strieker as the MC/C Region Secretary for the 2015-16 school year, carried by a voice vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to approve the 2015-16 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 19, 2015, at 9:15 a.m. at the MC/C Region office in Morrisonville.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Mullett and seconded by Mr. Hopper to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Throne, Recording Secretary