

- MINUTES -
Executive Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
April 8, 2008 – 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

*Marilyn Bayley, Okaw Valley (Moultrie County)
Sharon Keck, Windsor (Shelby County)
Debby Poindexter, Neoga (Cumberland County)
Larry Lilly, Mattoon (Coles County)
*Dan Niemerg, Teutopolis (Effingham County)
Jill Rogers, Martinsville (Clark County)
Lorraine Bailey, Paris #4 (Edgar County)

*Proxy

Board Absent

Travis Wilson, Arthur (Douglas County)

Staff Present

Michael R. Alt, Executive Director/EIASE
Ellen Humphrey, Assistant Director-Administration/EIASE
Jean L. Balch, Assistant Director-Business/EIASE
Marilyn Shull, Administrative Assistant/EIASE
Cathy Chaplin, Associate Director/EIASE
Susan Yeck, Principal/DDC/EIASE

Guest Present

Vickie Christman, EIASEA Representative

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Keck opened the meeting by calling for introduction of guests present at the meeting. Guests present were Vickie Christman, EIASEA representative, Robert Ehlke, Superintendent/Casey-Westfield, and Steven Poznic, Superintendent/Villa Grove. Ms. Keck, Chairman, asked the audience if there were any questions or comments regarding agenda or non-agenda items. There were no requests or comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was presented to the Board for their approval:

- *Presentation for approval of minutes* of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 11, 2008, as presented.
- *Presentation of monthly bills* for March 2008, and the financial statement.
- *Presentation for approval of resignation of personnel:*
 1. Samantha Matthews, Teacher of Visually Impaired (effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.)
- *Field Trips*
 1. 4/9/08 – Mrs. Fox’s and Mr. McGugan’s TLC-Kansas classes to the EIU Little Theatre to see “The Real Story of the Three Little Pigs.”
 2. 4/11/08 – Mrs. Trigg will take 10 high school students from TLC-Kansas to the cosmetology program at Lake Land College (Career Exploration).
 3. 4/11/08 – TLC-Kansas Level A students to Fore Seasons Golf in Terre Haute.
 4. 4/18/08 – Level A TLC-Funkhouser students to Shawn’s Horse Rides near Beecher City.
 5. 4/25/08 – TLC-Humboldt and DDC-Mattoon participating students to Area 9 Special Olympics in Charleston.
 6. 4/25/08 – TLC-Humboldt Level A students to Fox Ridge State Park near Charleston.
 7. 4/25/08 – Mrs. Janssen’s Hearing Impaired class to Springfield for the State Deaf Spelling Bee.
 8. 5/2/08 – Mrs. Beurskins’, Mrs. Oakley’s and Mrs. Hubbartt’s Project HELP classes to the Scovill Zoo in Decatur.
 9. 5/7/08 – TLC-Kansas 7th & 8th grade students to Springfield to visit the capitol and Lincoln sites, then to New Salem to visit another Lincoln site.
 10. 5/7/08 – Mrs. Fehrenbacher’s Hearing Impaired class to the Scovill Zoo in Decatur.
 11. 5/8/08 – Mrs. Mathias’ TLC-Humboldt Prevocational class to the Starkel Planetarium in Champaign.
 12. 5/8/08 – Mrs. Wei’s High school hearing impaired class to Camp New Hope at Lake Mattoon.
 13. 5/9/08 – TLC-Funkhouser Level A students to Shawn’s Horse Rides.
 14. 5/15/08, 5/16/08 – Mrs. Wei’s high school hearing impaired class to Chicago.
 15. 5/15/08 – TLC-Kansas Elementary and Jr. High classes to Walnut Point State Park Near Oakland.
 16. 5/16/08 – TLC-Kansas Level A students to Bogey’s in Terre Haute.

17. 5/16/08 – TLC-Humboldt Level A students to Fox Ridge State Park.

- *Preschool Screening Contracts*
 1. Deanna Dixon
 2. Kathryn Oakley

- *Executive Session Minutes from February 13, 2008 and March 11, 2008 Board meetings.*

It was moved by Larry Lilly, seconded by Debby Poindexter that the Executive Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call vote: *Dan Niemerg (Teutopolis), yea; Jill Rogers (Martinsville), yea; Larry Lilly (Mattoon), yea; Debby Poindexter (Neoga), yea; Lorraine Bailey (Paris # 4), yea; Sharon Keck (Windsor), yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY STAFF

The Director recommended the employment of the following staff.

1. Deborah Rotramel, Teacher/Hearing Impaired

It was moved by Dan Niemerg, seconded by Jill Rogers that the Executive Board approve the recommendation of Deborah Rotramel, as presented. Roll call vote: *Dan Niemerg (Teutopolis), yea; Jill Rogers (Martinsville), yea; Larry Lilly (Mattoon), yea; Debby Poindexter (Neoga), yea; Lorraine Bailey (Paris # 4), yea; yea; Sharon Keck (Windsor), yea-- motion carried.

WAIVER OF LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Dr. Alt stated that after checking the member districts calendars only two of them did not waive Lincoln’s Birthday, subsequently causing transportation problems. He asked for approval to request to seek a waiver from ISBE for the Lincoln’s Birthday school holiday for a five (5) year period.

It was moved by Larry Lilly, seconded by Jill Rogers that the Executive Board approve that EIASE operated programs apply to ISBE for a five (5) year waiver of the Lincoln’s Birthday school holiday. All voted yea-- motion carried.

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM AN EIASE SERVICE

Dr. Alt indicated that on March 18, 2008, he received an e-mail from Dr. Poznic, Superintendent at Villa Grove. The e-mail stated that the district was considering hiring its own School Social Worker instead of purchasing this service from EIASE for the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Alt also advised that EIASE's Joint Agreement calls for a deadline, for notification of services to be purchased from EIASE, as February 15th of the prior school year.

Mr. Poznic took the floor to explain the situation of the Villa Grove school district with regarding to the hiring of a school social worker.

After much discussion it was the consensus of the Executive Board that the language in the Joint Agreement stands.

PRESENTATION OF EIASE FUNDING AND BILLING SYSTEM

Dr. Alt advised that since 2000, when EIASE's structure reorganized, member districts have been able to choose some services each year from a menu of optional services. Each service having providers housed at EIASE's administrative offices have been assessed a portion of EIASE's operating cost. He stated that as some districts have discontinued purchasing certain services from EIASE, thus decreasing the size of some departments, the operating costs for such department have remained the same or gone up.

Dr. Alt stated that EIASE adopted a goal when the reorganization occurred and felt it was time to revisit the goals. There was much discussion regarding looking at the member districts needs and the financial structure of EIASE.

403B PLAN AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Alt advised that school districts in Illinois will be required to have a 403b plan in place by January 1, 2009. One option for developing this plan and administrating it is to contract with an independent provider.

It was moved by Larry Lilly, seconded by Lorraine Bailey that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to move forward with an independent provider to develop a 403b Plan by January 1, 2009, and to administer the plan subsequent to that date. All voted yea-- motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Larry Lilly, seconded by Dan Niemerg that Executive Board adjourn at 9:40 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

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