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Governing Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
August 26, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Jeff Higgs, Altamont	Lisa Vanert, Arcola
Doug Kitchen, Arthur	Bob Dougherty, Casey-Westfield
Jeff Coon, Charleston	Gus Mattka, Cowden-Herrick
Marje Jackson, Cumberland	Justin Gephart, Dieterich
Judy Wyatt, Edgar County	Ann Smith, Marshall
Michelle Skinlo, Mattoon	*Mark Livingston, Neoga
*Eric Butler, Oakland	Brooke Bartimus, Okaw Valley
Steve Young, Paris #95	Mr. Dana Hales, Shiloh
Candi Kessler, Stew-Stras.	Gene Niemerg, Teutopolis
Marilyn Davison, Tuscola	Steve Douglas, Villa Grove
*Terrie Hudson, Windsor	

***proxy**

Board Absent

Jennifer Doedtman, Beecher City	John Saxton, Kansas
Debra Lecrone, Effingham	Fred West, Lovington
Doug Danhke, Martinsville	Terri Quinn, Paris #4
Tony Hammond, Shelbyville	Gary Emel, Sullivan

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

Guest Present

Travis Wilson, Arthur Superintendent
Robert Ehlke, Casey-Westfield Superintendent
Gary Cadwell, Cowden-Herrick Superintendent
Rusty Ragon, Cumberland Superintendent
Norman Tracy, Edgar Co. CU # 6 Superintendent
Rick Manuell, Marshall Superintendent
Charles Castle, Neoga Superintendent
Michael Smith, Oakland Superintendent
Joel Hackney, Okaw Valley CU #302 Superintendent
Connie Sutton, Paris # 95 Superintendent

Robert Verdun, Shelbyville Superintendent
Ruth Schneider, Stew-Stras Superintendent
Steven Poznic, Villa Grove Superintendent
Sharon Keck, Windsor Superintendent

Ms. Skinlo, President, opened the meeting,

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Skinlo asked for introductions of guests present. She then asked the audience if there were any questions or comments regarding agenda or non-agenda items. There were no requests or comments.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 26, 2008, regular meeting of the EIASE Governing Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), seconded by Ann Smith (Marshall) that the minutes of the February 26, 2008, meeting of the EIASE Governing Board be approved as presented. All voted aye – motion carried.

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS

Dr. Alt advised that the first act for the Governing Board for the 2008-2009 school year would be to elect officers.

Nominated for the following offices were:

President

2008-2009 President: Michelle Skinlo

It was moved by Jeff Coon (Charleston), seconded by Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), that nominations for President be closed. Dr. Alt declared that Michelle Skinlo be elected by acclamation as President for the Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education Governing Board for the 2008-2009 school year. All voted aye – motion carried.

Vice President:

2008-2009 Vice President: Jeff Coon

It was moved by Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), seconded by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), that nominations for Vice President be closed. Dr. Alt declared that Jeff Coon be elected by acclamation as Vice President for the Eastern Illinois Area of Special

Education Governing Board for the 2008-2009 school year. All voted aye – motion carried.

Secretary

2008-2009 Secretary: Bill Steichmann

It was moved by Mark Livingston (*proxy for Neoga), seconded by Lisa Vanert (Arcola), that Bill Steichmann be nominated for Secretary and that nominations be closed. Dr. Alt declared that Bill Steichmann be presented as nominee for Secretary for the Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education Governing Board for the 2008-2009 school year. All voted aye – motion carried.

Dr. Alt then announced the officers as Michelle Skinlo, **President**, Jeff Coon, **Vice President** and Bill Steichmann, **Secretary**.

BUDGET

The 2008-2009 EIASE Budget was reviewed by Dr. Jean Balch, Assistant Director-Business. She recapped the events of the 2008-2009 budget. She advised that the budget was presented in June 2008. It was reviewed at the July 2008 Executive Board meeting. It was revised in July and placed on display for 30 days for public inspection. On August 11, 2008, it was reviewed by the Executive Board with a recommendation that the EIASE Governing Board adopt the 2008-2009 budget as presented.

It was moved by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), seconded by Doug Kitchen (Arthur) that the Governing Board approve the EIASE 2008-2009 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Altamont, yea; Arcola, yea; Arthur, yea; Casey-Westfield, yea; Charleston, yea; Cowden-Herrick, yea; Cumberland, yea; Dieterich, yea; Edgar County, yea; Marshall, yea; Mattoon, yea; Neoga, yea; Oakland, yea; Okaw Valley, yea; Paris Union District # 95, yea; Shiloh, yea; Stew-Stras, yea; Teutopolis, yea; Tuscola, yea; Villa Grove, yea; Windsor, yea.

MEETING DATES-LOCATIONS-TIME

For the past year, Governing Board meetings were held at 7:00 p.m. in August, to approve the budget and again in February to approve Reduction-In-Force, if needed.

Dr. Alt advised that the above schedule appeared to work fairly well and recommended that the Governing Board (large board) meet in August and again in January, if necessary, at the EIASE Board Room in Charleston, IL. Dr. Alt also indicated that a special meeting of the Governing Board will have to take place once an Agreement for Contract is reached.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the EIASE Board Room.

It was moved by, Ann smith (Marshall), seconded by Mr. Dana Hales (Shiloh) that the Executive Board adopt the schedule as recommended by the Director. All voted aye -- motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), seconded by Ann Smith (Marshall) that the Governing Board adjourn at 7:43 p.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

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