

- MINUTES -
Executive Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
December 8, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Joel Hackney, Okaw Valley (Moultrie County)
Sharon Keck, Windsor (Shelby County)
Charles Castle, Neoga (Cumberland County)
Jim Littleford, Charleston (Coles County)
Daniel Niemerg, Teutopolis (Effingham County)
*Jill Rogers – Marshall for Dee Scott, Casey-Westfield (Clark County)
Travis Wilson, Arthur (Douglas County)
Lorraine Bailey, Paris #4 (Edgar County)

PROXY

Board Absent

Staff Present

Michael R. Alt, Executive Director/EIASE
Jean L. Balch, Assistant Director-Business/EIASE
Marilyn Shull, Administrative Assistant/EIASE
Tony Reeley, Associate Director/EIASE
Pam Uptmor, Associate Director/EIASE

Guest Present

Betty Rhea, EIASEA Representative
Gary Cadwell, Superintendent/Cowden-Herrick Schools

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 Betty Rhea, EIASEA representative, Tony Reeley, Associate Director/EIASE, Pam Uptmor, Associate Director/EIASE and Gary Cadwell, Superintendent/Cowden-Herrick Schools. 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 November 10, 2009, as presented.
- *Presentation of monthly bills* for November 2009, and the financial statement.
- *Donations:*
 1. \$200.00 from Sertoma to Hearing Impaired Program
 2. \$100.00 from Charleston VFW to Hearing Impaired Program
 3. \$50.99 from Charleston Moose Club
 4. \$1,000 from Mrs. Betty J. Bieber to DDC Program
- *Field Trips*
 1. 12/8/09 – Mrs. Padgitt’s TLC-Kansas class to Yoder’s Country Kitchen in Arcola.
 2. 12/9/09 – All TLC Program Level A students to Showplace 10 Theatre in Mattoon.
 3. 12/11/09 – TLC-Fresh Start Level A students to the ice rink in Champaign.
 4. 1/8/10 – TLC-Humboldt Level A students to the Sullivan Civic Center.
- *Approval of Preschool Screeners*
 1. Diane Anderson
 2. Harry Bell
 3. Ann Bence
 4. Treva Brandt
 5. Erin Clemons
 6. Susan Coffman
 7. Deanna Dixon
 8. Kris Hall
 9. Robin Hopper
 10. Debbie Kingery
 11. Deanne Kuhns
 12. Nancy Kuhns
 13. Brandi Matteson
 14. Danny Powell
 15. Gaye Powell
 16. Kathy Schmidt
- *Presentation of minutes of the Executive Session for November 10, 2009.*

It was moved by Dan Niemerg, seconded by Travis Wilson that the Executive Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Travis

Wilson, yea; Jill Rogers (PROXY for Dee Scott), yea; James Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY STAFF

The Director recommended the employment of the following staff.

1. Rita Altman, PTA for a total of 73 days during the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. She will be released at the end of her contract. Ms. Altman will cover maternity leaves of two PTA's.
2. Steven Steele hired effective 12/4/09 as a one-on-one teacher assistant to a student from Altamont.

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Chuck Castle that the Executive Board approve the employment of the above individuals. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Travis Wilson, yea; Jill Rogers (PROXY for Dee Scott), yea; James Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT AND MODIFY ROLE OF THIS POSITION

Dr Alt, Director proposed that EIASE modify the role of the recently vacated technology assistant (10 month contract) to a position that would assist the Technology Coordinator in the future (12 month contract).Correspondingly EIASE would cut or eliminate entirely the consulting services from TEAM Technology.

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Chuck Castle that the EIASE Executive Board employ the assistant technology position, modifying it to a 12 month position, under the supervision of the Technology Coordinator, as presented, except with TEAM Technology be eliminated from any consulting services. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Travis Wilson, yea; Jill Rogers (PROXY for Dee Scott), yea; James Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL VISION TEACHER

Dr. Alt submitted statistics from the Adapted PE Department supporting the need for additional staff to provide adequate services. He recommended that the Board approve increasing teaching staff by .5 FTE in order to provide appropriate services due to number of students needing additional adapted PE, combined with the number of pending new referrals.

It was moved by Dan Niemerg, seconded by Joel Hackney that the Executive Board of Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education recommend the addition of a .5 FTE Adapted

PE. Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Travis Wilson, yea; Jill Rogers (PROXY for Dee Scott), yea; James Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF RETIREMENT

Dr. Alt indicated that he had receive five (5) irrevocable letters of retirement. The following individuals has taken advantage of Article 11.5 or 11.6 of the collective bargaining agreement.

1. Robin Bennett, PTA / REHAB (6/30/12)
2. Kevin McGugan, Teacher / TLC-K (6/30/12)
3. Deb Waggoner, Level IV Secretary 6/30/12)
4. Judith Hagen, Principal / TLC-H (6/30/13)
5. Barbara Powell, Teacher / DDC (6/30/13)
6. Marge Shirley, Teacher TLC/K (6/30/13)

It was moved by Lorraine Bailey, seconded by James Littleford that the Executive Board acknowledge receipt of the six (6) above irrevocable letters of retirement. All voted aye – motion carried.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Lorraine Bailey, seconded by Travis Wilson that the Executive Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing employee individual compensation at 10:21 a.m. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Travis Wilson, yea; Jill Rogers (PROXY for Dee Scott), yea; James Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Travis Wilson, that the Executive Board come out of executive session at 10:37 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Travis Wilson, seconded by Dan Niemerg that Executive Board adjourn at 10:38 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

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