

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

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Joel Hackney, Okaw Valley (Moultrie County) PROXY to Terry Percy
Sharon Keck, Windsor (Shelby County)
Charles Castle, Neoga (Cumberland County)
Jim Littleford, Charleston (Coles County)
Daniel Niemerg, Teutopolis (Effingham County) PROXY to Bruce Owen
Dee Scott, Casey-Westfield (Clark County)
Lorraine Bailey, Paris #4 (Edgar County)

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
Tony Reeley, Associate Director/EIASE

Guest Present

Betty Rhea, EIASEA Representative
Larry Lilly, Superintendent MCSD # 2
Susan Harding, Special Education Director of Services, MCSD # 2

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, Larry Lilly, Superintendent Mattoon CUSD # 2, Susan Harding, Special Education Director of Services, Mattoon CUSD # 2. 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 August 11, 2009, as presented.
- *Presentation of monthly bills* for August 2009, and the financial statement.
- *Presentation for approval of resignation of personnel:*
 1. Dori Fairbanks, Teacher Assistant/Project HELP
 2. Michelle Diss, Psychologist
 3. Terri Lundbom, Social Worker
 4. Leah Keck, Teacher Assistant/Project HELP
- *Field Trips*
 1. 9/4/09 – TLC-Kansas Level A students to Morton Park in Charleston.
 2. 9/8/09 – Ms. Hayes – TLC – Kansas to Grissom Lost Orchard near Greenup.
 3. 9/11/09 – TLC-Kansas Level A students to Mattoon YMCA.
 4. 9/18/09 – TLC-Fresh Start Level A students to Shawn’s Horse rides near Beecher City.
 5. 9/18/09 – TLC- Humboldt 5th - 12 students to Oakland for story of the 1847 Matson Slave Tria.
 6. 9/24/09 – Mrs. Padgitt’s TLC-Kansas class to Curtis Orchard.
 7. 9/25/09 – TLC-Kansas Level A students to TLC-Humboldt to play softball.
 8. 10/8/09 – TLC-Humboldt Level A students to Scoville Zoo in Decatur
 9. 10/8/09 – Mrs. Frazier’s DDC class to the Great Pumpkin Patch near Arthur.

It was moved by Dee Scott, seconded by Chuck Castle that the Executive Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bruce Owen (PROXY), yea; Dee Scott, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Terry Percy (PROXY), yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY STAFF

The Director recommended the employment of the following staff.

1. Kayla Kusterman, Teacher Assistant/Project HELP
2. Tara Burns, Teacher Assistant/Project HELP
3. Amy Morgan, Teacher Assistant and Secretary / Project HELP
4. Amy Cleeton, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
5. Seth Humphrey, Teacher Assistant/DDC (effective 8/18/09)
6. Judy Hopper, Custodian/TLC-Fresh Start (effective 9/1/09)
7. Vi Hubbell, Social Worker (.225 FTE)

It was moved by Chuck Castle, seconded by Bruce Owen that the Executive Board approve the employment of the above staff as presented. Roll call vote: Bruce Owen (PROXY), yea; Dee Scott, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Terry Percy (PROXY), yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION REPORT

The Director indicated that the Governor signed (PA96-0434). He stated that it requires, that prior to October 1, 2009, a report of EIASE's Administrators prior year compensation and benefits, be given to the Executive Board for review and approval. He also stated that the report must be sent to the Regional Office of Education, and posted on the EIASE website by October 1, 2009.

Dr. Alt recommended that the Executive Board approve the report as presented.

It was moved by Chuck Castle, seconded by Lorraine Bailey that the Executive Board approve the EIASE's Administrator's Salary Report as presented. Roll call vote: Bruce Owen (PROXY), yea; Dee Scott, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Terry Percy (PROXY), yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO SEEK LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The Director advised that he and the Superintendent of Mattoon Community Unit #2 School District had discussed the concern of each agency obtaining services of additional attorney's to investigate Mattoon's withdrawing from the joint agreement, some time in the near future. This is made necessary to avoid a conflict of interest, as Mattoon CUSD and EIASE now retain the same law office.

The Director indicated that Larry Lilly that obtained services of Mr. Larry Kuster of Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C. The Director indicated that after Mattoon contacted the attorney, EIASE received a letter from the Mattoon district indicating their intent to withdraw from the Joint Agreement on June 30, 2011.

The Director recommended that legal representation be sought in dealing with the withdrawal of a school district from the Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education. He indicated that he is now talking with Ray Sraga, an attorney of the firm Sraga Hauser, LLC regarding this matter.

It was moved by Bruce Owen, seconded by Terry Percy that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to secure legal services dealing with any matter regarding the withdrawal of a school district from the Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education Cooperative. Roll call vote: Bruce Owen (PROXY), yea; Dee Scott, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Terry Percy (PROXY), yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Chuck Castle, seconded by Bruce Owen that the Executive Board adjourn to executive session to discuss individual compensation at 8:57 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Lorraine Bailey that Executive Board adjourn at 10:12 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Shull
Administrative Assistant