

- MINUTES -
Governing Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
February 16, 2010 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Jeff Higgs, Altamont	Ginger Kielhorn, Arcola
Doug Kitchen, Arthur	Bob Dougherty, Casey-Westfield
Jeff Coon, Charleston	Marje Jackson, Cumberland
Brian Bohnhoff, Dieterich	Judy Wyatt, Edgar County
Debra Lecrone, Effingham	Tracy Garman, Lovington
Daralea Smith *(Dave Mackey), Marshall	Doug Danhke, Martinsville
Michelle Skinlo, Mattoon	Bill Steichmann, Neoga
Brooke Bartimus, Okaw Valley	Robert Bosgraaf, Shelbyville
Amy Fultz, Sullivan	Gene Niemerg, Teutopolis
Matt Greuel, Windsor	

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Board Absent

Jennifer Doedtman, Beecher City	Gus Mattka, Cowden-Herrick
John Saxton, Kansas	Ed Strader, Oakland
Terri Quinn, Paris #4	William Bailey, Paris #95
Mr. Dana Hales, Shiloh	Candie Kessler, Stew-Stras.
Marilyn Davison, Tuscola	Steve Douglas, Villa Grove

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
Mary Nan Zimmer, Principal/EIASE
Sandi Durham, Rehab. Coordinator/EIASE

Guest Present

Vickie Christman, Association President
Jeff Fritchtnitch, Altamont Superintendent
Jean Chrostoski, Arcola Superintendent
Travis Wilson, Arthur Superintendent
James Littleford, Charleston Superintendent
Rusty Ragon, Cumberland Superintendent
Jill Rogers, Martinsville Superintendent
Larry Lilly, Mattoon Superintendent

Joel Hackney, Okaw Valley CU #302 Superintendent
Connie Sutton, Paris # 95 Superintendent
Terry Percy, Sullivan Superintendent
Dan Niemerg, Teutopolis Superintendent
Sharon Keck, Windsor Superintendent

Jeff Coon, President, opened the meeting,

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Coon introduced guests present. He 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 August 25, 2009 regular meeting of the EIASE Governing Board meeting were presented. It was moved by Doug Kitchen (Arthur), seconded by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield) that the minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting of the EIASE Governing Board be approved, as presented. All voted aye – motion carried.

REDUCTION-IN-FORCE

The Executive Board was presented six (6) resolutions to reduce the number of staff for the 2010-2011 school year because of sound educational and financial planning due to the uncertainties of student enrollment and funding. Dr. Alt's report suggested that the Executive Board recommend to the Governing Board the six (6) resolutions as presented. The resolutions were to reduce staff as follows:

Resolution Reference to the Non-Renewal of Non-tenured Certificated Personnel due to lack of highly-qualified teacher status:

1. Rebecca Hayes – Teacher. K/TLC
2. Geoffrey Clarkson – Teacher, FS/TLC
3. Michael Gann –Teacher FS/TLC

It was moved by Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), seconded by Jeff Higgs (Altamont) that the Governing Board approved the resolution reference to the Non-Renewal of Non-tenured Certificated Personnel due to lack of high-qualified teacher status. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye; Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill

Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

Resolution Reference to the Non-Renewal of Non-tenured Certificated Personnel due to uncertainty of funding:

1. Suzanne Stevens – Teacher, Project HELP
2. Del Rae Bridges – Teacher, Project HELP
3. Wendy Wright - .5 FTE Teacher Project HELP & .5 Teacher ECE
4. Amy Durdel – Teacher, Project HELP
5. Tammy Smith- Teacher, Project HELP
6. Amanda Bennett – Teacher, Project HELP
7. Andrea Lassor – Teacher, Project HELP
8. Suzanne Alva – .5 FTE Teacher, Project HELP & .5 Teacher ECE
9. Danielle Storm – Teacher, Project HELP
10. James McCormick, Prevocational Coordination
11. Dulcy Dawson – Prevocational Coordinator/SVE
12. Kim Deschamps – School Counselor / KTLC
13. Tiffany Richter - .5 FTE School Counselor
14. Bonnie K. Hanley - .5 FTE School Psychologist

It was moved by Bob Dougherty (Casey-Westfield) and seconded by Matt Greuel (Windsor) that the Governing Board approve the Resolution Reference to the Non-renewal of Non-Tenured Certificated Personnel due to uncertainty of funding. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye; Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Gary Niemerg, (Teutopolis), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force of Tenured Certificated Personnel due to uncertainty of funding:

1. Laura Dunn – Teacher, Model Parental Trainer
2. Jill Brown – Teacher Project HELP
3. Joann Sheehan – Teacher Project HELP
4. Margie A. Eadie – Developmental Screener
5. Shari L Porter – Parent Coordinator, Project HELP
6. Kimberly Storm – Teacher, Project HELP
7. Leona McKittrick – Teacher, Project HELP
8. Melinda A. Edrington – Teacher, Project HELP
9. Ginny D. Hubbart – Teacher, Project HELP
10. Elizabeth Day – Teacher Coordinator, Project HELP

11. Pamela J. Storm, Teacher, Project HELP
12. Laura Lafrence – Teacher, Project HELP
13. Pamela Ramage, Developmental Screener, ECE
14. Deborah A. Oakley – Teacher, Project HELP
15. Ronda Lowell – Teacher, Project HELP
16. Jennifer Mast – Teacher, Project HELP
17. Kelly McDonald-Clarkson – Teacher, Project HELP
18. Elizabeth A. Smother, Teacher, Project HELP.

It was moved by Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), seconded by Marje Jackson (Cumberland) that the Governing Board approved the Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force of Tenured Certificated Personnel due to uncertainty of funding. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye; Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Gary Niemerg, (Teutopolis), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force of Classified Salaried employees.

1. Elizabeth K. Waggoner, Project HELP
2. Michelle Schnepper, Model Parental Trainer, Project Beginning Steps

It was moved by Jeff Higgs (Charleston), seconded by Doug Kitchen (Arthur) that the Governing Board approve the Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Fourse of Classified Salaried employees. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye; Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Gary Niemerg, (Teutopolis), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force of Classified Hourly employees.

1. Diane K. Halsey - .5 Teacher Assistant, Hearing Impaired
2. Janess Bishop - .5 Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
3. Karmen Rowe - .5 Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
4. Luanna Dragavon - .5 FTE Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
5. Steele, Steven, Teacher Assistant, FS/TLC
6. Kelly Bingman - Teacher Assistant, FS/TLC
7. Seth Humphrey, Teacher Assistant, DDC

8. Kayla Kusterman, Teacher Assistant. Project HELP
9. Tara Burns, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
10. Amy Cleeton, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
11. Jason Anderson – Teacher Assistant , H/TLC
12. Kristen Rowley – Teacher Assistant, FS/TLC
13. Nicholas T. Orr, Teacher Assistant, H/TLC
14. Rebecca L. Ritchey – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
15. Nancy Meyer, Teacher Assistant, FS/TLC
16. Lisa Norman – Teacher Assistant. SVE
17. Jermaine High – Teacher Assistant, H/TLC
18. Michael Holt – Teacher Assistant, H/TLC
19. Missy Hampton, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
20. Nancy Gard, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
21. Severina Cox, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
22. Lori Eaton, Teacher Assistant, DDC
23. Judith Hutton – Teacher Assistant, DDC
24. Cindy Calhoun – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
25. Angel Goble – Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
26. Michelle L. Smock – Teacher Assistant, Pre-Voc
27. Justin Milchman – Teacher Assistant, TS/TLC
28. Kevin Wiedman – Teacher Assistant, F/TLC
29. April Hardiek, Teacher Assistant, F/TLC
30. Sarah Ritchey – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
31. Cody M. Hammond – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
32. Susan L. Cunningham – Teacher Assistant, H/TLC
33. Lisa J. Garrett - Teacher Assistant DDC
34. Regina E. Beals – Teacher Assistant ,HI
35. Victoria Brady, Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
35. Deborah L. Watson – Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
37. Carrie Brian-Miller – Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
38. Adam H. Hoene – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
39. Tracie A. Ledbetter - Teacher Assistant, Project F/TLC
40. Derrick W. Harris – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
41. Brooke L. Goldsberry – Teacher Assistant, K/TLC
42. Chad Hall – Teacher Assistant, H/TLC
43. Luzetta Veach – Level I Secretary
44. Lori Wilson, Level II Secretary
45. Rose Smith, Level I Secretary
46. Elaine Stuckey, Level II Secretary
47. Lori Rothrock, Office Assistant, Project HELP
48. Amy Morgan - .5, Level II Secretary & .5 Teacher Assistant, Project HELP
49. John A. Connor – .0825 FTE Custodian, Project HELP

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus (Okaw-Valley), seconded by Judy Wyatt (Edgar County) that the Governing Board approve the Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force of Classified Hourly Employees. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye;

Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Gary Niemerg, (Teutopolis), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

Resolution Reference to the Reduction-In-Force in employment status of the following certified employee for the 2010-2011 school year.

1. Robert D. Edwards, Adapted P.E. teacher from 1.FTE to .5 FTE.

It was moved by David Mackey (Marshall), seconded by Doug Kitchen (Arthur) that the Governing Board approve the Resolution Reference to the Reduction in Employment status of the above employee. Roll call vote: Jeff Higgs (Altamont), aye; Ginger Kielhorn (Arcola), yea; Doug Kitchen (Arthur), yea; Robert Dougherty (Casey-Westfield), yea; Jeff Coon, (Charleston), yea; Marge Jackson (Cumberland), yea; Brian Bohnhoff (Dieterich), yea; Judy Wyatt (Edgar County), yea; Debra LeCrone (Effingham), yea; Tracy Garman (Lovington), yea; David Mackey (Marshall) yea; Doug Dahnke (Martinsville), yea; Michelle Skinlo (Mattoon), yea; Bill Steichmann (Neoga), yea; Brooke Bartimus (Okaw Valley), yea; Robert Bosgraaf (Shelbyville), yea; Gary Niemerg, (Teutopolis), yea; Matt Greuel (Windsor), yea -- motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EIASE JOINT AGREEMENT DOCUMENT

The Executive Board recommended that the Governing Board amend the EIASE Joint Agreement document language to be changed, showing that the deadline for the "Members District Options" be changed from February 15th to February 1st. The Director indicated that the date had original been January 15th, however, the Superintendents asked that it be changed to Feb 15th of each year. This date had proved to be problematic because it occurs so close to the time in February when the Governing Board must be making staff reductions for the following year. The Executive Board, on February 9, 2010 recommended this date be change to February 1st.

The Director also indicated that PA 96-0783 and PA 96-0769 has recently legislated processes for a member district to potentially withdrawal from EIASE and the potential dissolution of the EIASE Joint Agreement and subsequent disposal of its assets.

The Director indicated to the board that it would require 2/3 of the member districts present to be able to change the language in the Joint Agreement. The Governing Board would require 20 board members present, and vote yea to change the Joint Agreement Document. On this date there were only 19 members present.

There was much discussion on who would make a decision regarding disbursement of EIASE equipment, if for some reason there would be dissolution of EIASE.

The Director indicated that there is also another alternative which would cause all member districts to ask their boards to adopt a resolution to allow changes to be made in the language of the EIASE Joint Agreement. The Board asked Dr. Alt to consult with an attorney, and to make it as clear as we can now, of who makes the final decision in the event of the dissolution of EIASE.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:

Marilyn Shull
Administrative Assistant