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Executive Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
June 8, 2010 – 8:30 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)
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
Laura Shull, Associate Director/EIASE
Jan Percy, Associate Director/EIASE
Jeremy Doughty, Associate Director/EIASE

Guest Present

Betty Rhea, EIASEA Representative

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Alt opened the meeting by calling for introduction of guests present at the meeting. Guests present were Betty Rhea, Tony Reeley, Laura Shull, Sandi Durham, Jan Percy and Jeremy Doughty. Dr. Alt, 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 May 11, 2010, as presented.
- *Presentation of monthly bills* for May, 2010, and the financial statement.
- *Presentation for approval of resignation of personnel:*
 1. Joann Thompson, Teacher Assistant/ TLC-Fresh Start
- *Resolution to Pay Prevailing Wage*
- *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, as presented.*

It was moved by Lorraine Bailey, seconded by Dan Niemerg that the Executive Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Dee Scott, yea; Jim 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. Jennifer Propst, Teacher/Adapted P.E.

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Chuck Castle that the Executive Board approve the employment of the above staff, as presented. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Dee Scott, yea; Jim Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

A copy of the DRAFT 2010-2011 EIASE budget was available at the Executive Board meeting. Dr. Balch and Tony Reeley reviewed the first draft of the tentative budget. Dr. Balch advised that the Executive Board would review the tentative draft budget again during the July meeting. Revisions to the Budget will follow the meeting as well as when EIASE receives additional information from ISBE. It will be placed on public review following the July Executive Board meeting. There will be a final review of the Budget by the Executive Board in August prior to it being finalized by the Governing Board.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Dr. Alt explained that EIASE has been working with attorney T.J. Wilson to develop an interagency agreement regarding the Project HELP early childhood programs.

He distributed a “*Intergovernmental Agreement for Early Education Grant Administration and Services*”, along with a *Resolution Reference Amendment to the Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education Joint Agreement and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Early Childhood Program and Services*”. Dr. Alt indicated that Tony Reeley would be relating all necessary information regard the documents to all district superintendents and advise them of any actions that would need to be taken. Mr. Reeley indicated that he would have this done by the following week.

BILLING SYSTEM FOR THE AUTISM TEAM

Dr. Alt indicated that Mr. Tony Reeley, EIASE’s new Executive Director effective July 1, 2010, had proposed a billing system for the Autism Team for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Reeley indicated that from the inception of the program, the billing had been spread over the entire cooperative. During the 2009-2010 school year the billing system was changed to a “contact hour” system which forced four (4) districts to bear the cost of the entire program. After some discussion with district superintendents, Mr. Reeley is proposing a blended billing system for utilization of the Autism Team. More information will be obtained, and shared with the Executive Board, before any changes in the billing system is made.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS

In February, 2010 EIASE issued a non-renewal of contracts on certificated staff that were not properly certified. Dr. Alt indicated that two of these staff members have made significant progress toward certification, and will complete the process before the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Dr. Alt indicated that Mr. Reeley wishes to recommend the re-employment of Geoffrey Clarkson and Rebecca Hayes to full-time employment as teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.

After discussion it was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Chuck Castle that the Executive Board table any action on this item until further information can be obtained. Reconsideration of this matter will be review at the July Executive Board meeting.

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

In February, 2010 EIASE issued a Reduction-In-Force of Educational Support Personnel. Dr. Alt indicated that after review of staffing needs for the programs, it has been determined that at the present time 12 positions need to be recalled for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Reeley is recommending the recall of Karmen Rowe, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Humboldt; Janess Bishop, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start; Chad Hall, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Humboldt, Brooke Goldsberry, Teacher Assistant/DDC; Derrick Harris, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start; Tracie Ledbetter, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start; Adam Hoene, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start; Carrie Brian-Miller, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start; Deb Watson, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Humboldt, Vicky

Brady, Teacher Assistant/DDC; Regina Beals, Teacher Assistant/Hearing Impaired and Lisa Garrett, Teacher Assistant/DDC.

Mr. Reeley advised that this would be a change in programs for some of the staff, as needed to fill positions. He expressed concern that some of the staff may look for other employment if they were unhappy with the recall offer, and would explain that consideration to transfer of their assignment would be made as/if grants were approved.

It was moved by Dan Niemerg, seconded by Joel Hackney that the Executive Board recall Karmen Rowe, Janess Bishop, Chad Hall, Brooke Goldsberry, Derrick Harris, Tracie Ledbetter, Adam Hoene, Carrie Brian-Miller, Deb Watson, Vicky Brady, Regina Beals and Lisa Garrett, as presented. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Dee Scott, yea; Jim Littleford, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Joel Hackney, seconded by Chuck Castle that the Executive Board adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing individual compensation at 9:50 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

It was moved by Dee Scott, seconded by Dan Niemerg, that the Executive Board come out of executive session at 10:35 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION

It was moved by Chuck Castle, seconded by Dan Niemerg that the Executive Board establish a \$1,500.00 increase for administrative staff, other than those previously set, including confidential secretarial staff and technology coordinator for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote: Daniel Niemerg, yea; Dee Scott, nay; Jim Littleford, nay; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Dee Scott that Executive Board adjourn at 10:45 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Shull
Administrative Assistant