

- MINUTES -
Executive Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
October 12, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Joel Hackney, Okaw Valley CU #302 (Moultrie County)
Sharon Keck, Windsor CU # 1 (Shelby County)
Rusty Ragon, Cumberland CU #77 (Cumberland County)
Jim Littleford, Charleston CU # 1 (Coles County)
Jeff Fritchitch, Altamont CU #10 (Effingham County)
Dee Scott, Casey-Westfield #C-4 (Clark County)
Jean Chrostoski, Arcola CU #306 (Douglas County)
Lorraine Bailey, Paris #4 (Edgar County)

Board Absent

Staff Present

Tony L. Reeley, Executive Director/EIASE
Ellen Humphrey, Assistant Director-Administration/EIASE
Jean L. Balch, Assistant Director-Business/EIASE
Marilyn Shull, Administrative Assistant/EIASE

Guest Present

Betty Rhea, EIASEA Representative
Lisa Jaco, Mattoon CUSD # 2
Patty Spence, Mattoon CUSD # 2, (Shadowing Lisa Jaco for Administrative
Cert.)
Jeremy Doughty, Associate Director / EIASE
April Fox, Principal / TLC-Kansas / EIASE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Reeley, Executive Director opened the meeting by calling for introduction of guests present at the meeting. Guests present were Betty Rhea, EIASEA representative, Lisa Jaco, Mattoon Community Unit School District # 2 representative, Patty Spence, Mattoon Community Unit School District # 2, Jeremy Doughty and April Fox. Mr. Reeley 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 September 13, 2010, as presented.
- *Presentation of monthly bills* for September 2010, and the financial statement.
- *Field Trips*
 1. 10/15/10 – DDC to The Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur, IL.
 2. 10/15/10 – TLC-Kansas to Curtis Orchard in Champaign, IL.
 3. 10/22/10 – TLC-Fresh Start to Pumpkin Works in Paris, IL.
 4. 10/29/10 to Parkland College Planetarium in Champaign, IL.
 5. 11/5/10 – to TLC-Fresh Start to Country Inn and Suites in Effingham, IL.
- *Approval of Executive Session to accept donations.*
 1. To TLC-Humboldt – School Supplies for nine (9) classrooms donated by Linda Kingery & the American Business Women’s Association from Mattoon, Illinois. Valued at \$270.00
 2. To TLC-Humboldt – Large American flag for the gymnasium donated by Bill Hagen, Commander VFW Post 6410 from Sullivan, IL. Flag valued at \$50.00.
 3. To Rehab. – Pediatric walker and wheelchair donated by Jeanie Weber.
 4. To Rehab – A classroom positioning chair and adapted table donated by the Moultrie County Beacon.
 5. To Cowden-Herrick Project HELP - \$200.00 Wal-Mart reward card from Shelbyville Walmart.
 6. To Marshall Project HELP - \$100.00 donation from Location Union # 725 IBEW.
 7. To TLC-Kansas – Two boxes of school supplies donated by Johnny Bill Trefz, Marshall Bus Driver.
 8. TO TLC-Kansas –Backpacks filled with school supplies donated by Salisbury Church.

It was moved by Rusty Ragon, seconded by James Littleford that the Executive Board approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Roll call vote: Jeff Fritchtnitch (Effingham County), yea; Jean Chrostoski (Douglas County), yea; Dee Scott, (Clark County) yea; Jim Littleton, (Coles County) yea; Rusty Ragon (Cumberland County), yea; Joel Hackney, (Moultrie County) yea; Sharon Keck, (Shelby County) yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR’S RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY STAFF

The Director recommended the employment of the following staff.

1. Tasha Shirley, Teacher Assistant/DDC (1 FTE) effective 9/29/10 to replace Vicky Brady (transferred to Project HELP)
2. Jessie Jackson, Teacher Assistant/TLC-Fresh Start (1 FTE) effective 9/10/10 to provide one-on-one assistance to a new student.

It was moved by Jean Chrostoski, seconded by Jeff Fritchtnitch that the Executive Board approve the employment of the above staff, as presented. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Jeff Fritchtnitch (Effingham County), yea; Jean Chrostoski (Douglas County), yea; Dee Scott, (Clark County) yea; Jim Littleton, (Coles County) yea; Rusty Ragon (Cumberland County), yea; Lorraine Bailey (Edgar County), yea; Joel Hackney, (Moultrie County) yea; Sharon Keck, (Shelby County) yea-- motion carried.

IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF RETIREMENT

Mr. Reeley, Director advised that he had received an additional three (3) irrevocable letters of retirement. These letters are notices that the person(s) who submitted them intend to take advantage of the provisions of either Article 11.5 of the collective bargaining agreement or EIASE Policy 4.116. This brings up the total for the 2010-2011 school year to 7. The other three are Edith "Sharon" Mayhood, Cleta Shackles and Betty Rhea who were acknowledged at the September 13th Executive Board Meeting.

Mr. Reeley recommended that the Executive Board acknowledge the receipt of the irrevocable letters of retirement for the following people.

1. Kathleen Bates, Speech & Language Pathologist (effective 6/30/14)
2. Cleta Shackles, Secretary (effective 6/30/14)
3. Betty Rhea, Social Worker (effective 6/30/14)

It was moved by Joel Hackney, seconded by Dee Scott that the Executive Board acknowledge receipt of the irrevocable letters of retirement from the Kathleen Bates, Cleta Shackles, and Betty Rhea, as presented. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Jeff Fritchtnitch (Effingham County), yea; Jean Chrostoski (Douglas County), yea; Dee Scott, (Clark County) yea; Jim Littleton, (Coles County) yea; Rusty Ragon (Cumberland County), yea; Lorraine Bailey (Edgar County), yea; Joel Hackney, (Moultrie County) yea; Sharon Keck, (Shelby County) yea-- motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Mr. Reeley indicated that Michelle Schnepfer, Teacher /Parent Coordinator Assistant in the Early Childhood Program requested, and he approved, a one month leave of absence, according to 9.2.5 of the Agreement between EIASE and EIASEA however, this absence is scheduled to expire 10/12/10. Mrs. Schnepfer is now requesting a leave of absence,

without pay, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Michelle has a daughter who is medically fragile. The child requires a care provider with the training and expertise to care for her in her home during this absence.

Mrs. Schnepfer has a child care provider, who is, at this time, caring for her terminally ill grandfather. She plans to return to caring for the Schnepfer family when conditions change. She has requested a leave of absence for the 2010-2011 school year in order to obtain appropriate child care for her daughter.

After much discussion, the Executive Board directed Mr. Reeley, Executive Director to determine if she is eligible under the qualifying conditions, and to consult EIASE's attorney regarding other issues related to the request.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by James Littleford, seconded by Rusty Ragon that Executive Board adjourn at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Shull
Administrative Assistant