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Executive Board Meeting
Eastern Illinois Area of Special Education
March 25, 2010 – 11:00 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 – to *Scott Cameron (Effingham County)
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
Ellen Humphrey, Assistant Director-Administration/EIASE
Jean L. Balch, Assistant Director-Business/EIASE
Marilyn Shull, Administrative Assistant/EIASE
Tony Reeley, Associate Director /EIASE
Jeremy Doughty, Associate Director/EIASE
Laura Shull, Associate Director/EIASE
Jan Peary, Associate Director/EIASE
Pam Uptmor, Associate Director/EIASE
Mary Nan Zimmer, Principal ECE/EIASE

Guest Present

Betty Rhea, EIASEA Representative
Shari Porter, Parent Coordinator/EIASE
Elizabeth Day, Teacher Coordinator/EIASE
Larry Lilly, Mattoon Superintendent
Thomas Sherman, Mattoon Representative
Lisa Jaco, Mattoon Special Education Director,
Norman Tracy, Superintendent Edgar County
Chris Long, Superintendent Kansas
Mike Smith, Superintendent Oakland
Jean Chrostoski, Superintendent Arcola
Terry Percy, Superintendent Sullivan
Jeff Fritchitch, Superintendent Altamont
Jill Rogers, Superintendent Martinsville

Roy Smith, Superintendent Lovington
Rick Manuell, Superintendent Marshall
Chris Long, Superintendent Kansas
Leigh Ann Heltstley, Bookkeeper, Kansas
Gary Caldwell, Superintendent Cowden-Herrick
James Littleford, Superintendent Charleston
Todd Vilardo, Assistant Superintendent Charleston
Bud McMillan, Special Education Director, Charleston

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, Shari Porter, Elizabeth Day, Larry Lilly, Thomas Sherman, Lisa Jaco, Norman Tracy, Chris Long, Mike Smith, Jean Chrostoski, Terry Pearcy, Jeff Fritchtnitch, Jill Rogers, Roy Smith, Rick Manuell, Chris Long,; Leigh Ann Heltstley, Gary Caldwell, James Littleford, Todd Vilardo, Assistant; Bud McMillan. 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.

MINUTES

- *Presentation for approval of minutes* of the regular meeting of the Board held on March 9, 2010, as presented.
- *Presentation for approval of minutes* of the Executive Session held of March 9, 2010, as presented.

It was moved by Travis Wilson, seconded by Joel Hackney that the Executive Board approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: Scott Cameron, yea; Travis Wilson, yea; Dee Scott, yea; Jim Littleton, yea; Charles Castle, yea; Lorraine Bailey, yea; Joel Hackney, yea; Sharon Keck, yea-- motion carried.

PRESENTATION FROM THE DIRECTOR REGARDING AT RISK PROGRAMS

The Executive Director, Michael Alt indicated that on Wednesday March 17, 2010, a phone conference was held involving staff from ISBE, Early Childhood-At-Risk programs, several other EIASE' staff, and several member district superintendents whose districts provide Pre-K At-Risk programs.

Dr. Alt gave pros and cons regarding Mattoon's administration of the Pre-K At-Risk Program for FY 2011. His recommendation was that "Mattoon forfeits responsibility as fiscal agent and each district writes its own grant." There was much discussion between the superintendents regarding administration of the Pre-K At-Risk programs.

Dr. Alt asked that Tony Reeley give his recommendation for options for the Early Childhood Grant for the 2010-2011 school year, as he would be Executive Director of

EIASE at that time. Mr. Reeley's recommendation was that Mattoon continue as fiscal agent, EIASE as grant writer, with a different billing approach to member district as Dr. Alt had suggested at the ROE meeting."

Travis Wilson, Superintendent of Arthur recommended that EIASE and Mattoon contact their lawyers and get information regarding the liability toward the Mattoon Community Unit School District # 2.

The Agenda Item was then tabled until more information could be obtained. A Special Meeting of the EIASE Executive Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the EIASE Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dee Scott, seconded by Travis Wilson that Executive Board adjourn at 12:40 p.m. All voted aye – motion carried.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Shull
Administrative Assistant