



## Administrative Offices

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### MINUTES OF THE SWCCCASE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education was called to order at 11:03 pm on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, by Dr. Anthony Scarsella, who presided as Chairman. The meeting was held in the Learning Links Rooms of Southwest Cooperative in Oak Forest, Illinois.
- ROLL CALL** On roll call, the following members were found to be present: Dr. Anthony Scarsella (118), Dr. Paul McDermott (142), Dr. Andrea Sala (145), Dr. Jeff Stawick (146), Dr. Griff Powell (160) and Dr. Bill Kendall (228). Absent: Dr. Courtney Orzel (113a), Dr. Jeannie Stachowiak (117), Dr. Mable Alfred (159), Dr. Mary Ticknor and Dr. James Gay (230). Also present: Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Executive Director and Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager.
- RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC** Union vice president Brandon Wigboldy and Sharon Thoma.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** Motion was made by Dr. Sala seconded by Dr. Stawick that upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the following items be considered under a consent agenda, unless otherwise requested by the Board: Approval of the Open and Closed Minutes for the September 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting, Approval of Invoices, Payroll and Personnel items and the final reading of Board Policies.  
*On roll call, the following voted aye: Scarsella, McDermott, Sala, Stawick, Powell and Kendall. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*
- CLOSED SESSION** Motion was made by Dr. Stawick seconded by Dr. McDermott that the Board move to closed session at 11:04 p.m. for collective negotiating between the Cooperative and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for the one or more classes of employees. 5ILC 120/2 (c)(2) and the Executive Director's Performance Goals.  
*On roll call, the following voted aye: Scarsella, McDermott, Sala, Stawick, Powell, and Kendal. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*

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REPORT OF  
THE  
BUSINESS  
MANAGER  
REPORT OF  
THE  
DIRECTOR  
BRAUN PBIS  
PLATINUM  
LEVEL

Mr. Shumway presented the monthly Statement of Position, showing an ending balance of \$6,207,274.78 as of September 30, 2017. He also commented on revenue and expense summaries for the month.

Dr. O'Neil discussed there were 604 recognized PBIS school in Illinois last year. Forty seven schools including Braun received Platinum recognition which is the highest level of recognition. Braun and one other school serving students with emotional and behavioral disabilities received this distinction.

APPROVE THE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA

*Motion was made by Dr. Stawick seconded by Dr. Powell that the following items be approved under the consent agenda:*

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Approved the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 open and closed session meeting of the Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF  
INVOICES AND  
PAYROLL

The September and October 2017 invoices in the amount of \$797,910.94, the September 2017 payroll in the amount of \$1,490,969.17 and the estimated amount of \$1,150,000.00 for October 2017 to be approved.

EMPLOYMENT  
OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Carlyn Fontana	BCBA	Services	10/10/17	n/a	\$53,304 for 144 days	Replaces Dana Burke

EMPLOYMENT  
OF  
EDUCATIONAL  
SUPPORT  
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Ross Fimoff	Van Driver	Transition	9/14/17	n/a	\$12.50 p/h	
Chihiro Brown	Paraeducator	Braun	9/25/17	14/3	\$18,656 for 154 days	Replaces sub
Sharon Kirkland	Paraeducator	Transition	9/1/17	15/1	\$18,843 for 169 days	Replaces sub
Jessica Janeway	Paraeducator	CD HS	9/19/17	1/1	\$12,407 for 158 days	Replaces sub
Cherise Piltaver	Paraeducator	DESTINY HS	9/29/17	1/1	\$11,779 for 150 days	Replaces sub
Katharine McCarthy	Paraeducator	Braun	10/3/17	1/5	\$14,598 for 148 days	Replaces Lisa Campbell
Carol Dignan	Paraeducator	DHH Elem	9/18/17	10/4	\$18,014.12 for 156 days	Replaces Elizabeth Soulides

RESIGNATION  
OF ESP  
REQUEST FOR  
LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE

Name	Position	Program	Date Effective
Vernice Henderson	Paraeducator	CD HS	9/15/17

  

Name	Position	Program	Type of Leave	Effective Date
Judy Gray	Interpreter	DHH HS	FMLA	9/7 – 10/27
Laura DeBiasio	Teacher	DESTINY HS	FMLA	10/10 – 11/17/17
Janet Goodrich	Paraeducator	Transition	FMLA	8/11 – 11/17/17

ADDITIONAL  
BRAUN  
TEACHER

Dr. Gineen O'Neil discussed that due to the increased enrollment of junior high aged students at Braun Educational Center, it is necessary to add an additional teacher to meet student's individual needs and maintain compliance with IL IASC 226.730.

OTHER ACTION  
ITEMS  
BOARD  
POLICIES  
FIRST READING

Approved the first reading of the policies as presented.

BOARD  
REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *motion was made by Dr. Stawick seconded by Dr. McDermott that the meeting adjourn at 11:08 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.*

Respectfully,

  
Dr. Andrea Sala