



Administrative Offices

MINUTES OF THE SWCCCASE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2014

- 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 12:00 pm on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, by Dr. James Gay, 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. Mary Gricus (113a), Mr. Anthony Scarsella (118), Dr. Paul McDermott (142), Mr. Allen Jebens (145), Mrs. Barbara Mason (159), Dr. Mary Ticknor (210) arrived at 12:07 pm, Dr. Bill Kendall (228) and Dr. James Gay. Absent: Dr. Jeannie Stachowiak (117), Dr. Jeff Stawick (146), Dr. Sandra Thomas (160) and Dr. Christina Sepiol, Assistant Director.
Also present: Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Executive Director and Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager.
- RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC** Union Vice President Cyndi Burns and Union President Karyn Kempke.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** *Motion was made by Mr. Jebens seconded by Dr. McDermott 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 Minutes of October 15, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting and Closed Session, Approval of Invoices and Payroll, Personnel items, 2014-15 Service Rates, 2014-15 Classroom leases, and Facility Planning-Summer 2015.*
On roll call, the following voted aye: Gricus, Scarsella, McDermott, Jebens, Mason, Kendall and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION** *Motion was made by Mr. Scarsella seconded by Mr. Jebens that the Board move to closed session at 12:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative or legal counsel for the Cooperative, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the Cooperative to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.*
On roll call, the following voted aye: Gricus, Scarsella, McDermott, Jebens, Mason, Kendall and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.

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- OPEN SESSION
REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER
SENATE BILL 16
PRELIMINARY FY15 MANDATED CATEGORICAL PRORATIONS
2014-15 SERVICE RATES
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR WALK FOR HEARING
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMISSION
APPROVE THE CONSENT
- Motion was made by Mr. Scarsella, seconded by Mr. Jebens that the Board members return to open session at 12:07 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.*
- Mr. Shumway presented the monthly Statement of Position, showing an ending balance of \$7,443,872.12 as of September 30, 2014. He also commented on revenue and expense summaries for the month.
- Mr. Shumway reported that one of the possible implications of Senate Bill 16 is the discontinuation of ISBE Special Education Personnel Reimbursement. Currently, the Cooperative uses these funds to offset the cost of member district tuitions and services. In FY14, the Cooperative received \$1,560,977 based on the staff employed in 2012-13. Mr. Shumway provided data to the Board showing the district benefit by offsetting the program costs.
- Mr. Shumway shared information from Christopher A. Koch (ISBE). The first-quarter mandated categorical program payments for fiscal year 2015 were processed to the Office of the Comptroller on Sept. 24. Claims for special education personnel, private facility, transportation and regular/vocational transportation will be opened to local education agencies (LEAs) for corrections in October. After all LEA corrections are processed, final proration and remaining quarterly payments will be calculated in December.
- Mr. Shumway provided the 2014-2015 SWCCCASE service rates to the Board. He shared that the calculations of these rates are based on the average hourly costs of the various practitioners who provide the services. Costs associated with the service are included. The screening and evaluation rates reflect the average hourly cost of the practitioners and the corresponding amount of time needed to complete the request. The evaluation and screening times include the amount of time required to review student records, complete the assessments and write the report. Mr. Shumway shared that these rates are estimates based on a projection of service completions. Service costs will be adjusted accordingly during the "5th billing" in October 2015.
- Dr. O'Neil shared that the DHH staff, students and families participated in the Chicago Walk for Hearing on September 27, 2014. The event was sponsored by The Hearing Loss Association of America. The SWCCCASE Team was lead by Ms. Carole Altmann who serves as a DHH teacher at Old Quarry Middle School in Lemont-Bromberek School District #113. The team raised \$4115 dollars for this cause. Forty percent of the funds raised will be returned to the DHH program and will be utilized to enhance learning experiences for students enrolled in the DHH program throughout the year.
- Dr. O'Neil shared that Ms. Brenda Schmidt, DHH Program Supervisor, was appointed by Governor Quinn as a member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission on October 3, 2014. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission was established in 1995 with the mission "to promote system change, community education and collaboration to advance effective communication access for all individuals with hearing loss in Illinois." This appointment is a distinctive honor and reflective of Ms. Schmidt's knowledge and professionalism in serving individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Motion was made by Mr. Jebens seconded by Mrs. Mason, that the following items be approved under the consent agenda:*

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Minutes of the September 10, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Directors, as well as the closed session minutes of the same date.

APPROVAL OF
INVOICES AND
PAYROLL

The October 2014 invoices in the amount of \$602,239.51, the September 2014 payroll in the amount of \$1,088,361.16 and the estimated October payroll in the amount of \$1,100,000.

EMPLOYMENT OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Gina Fagen	Program Sub Teacher	Transition	9/30/14	1/1	\$30,305 prorated to \$24,779.78 for 148 days	Replaces Sarah Auskalnis
Christa Valencia	Teacher Part time	DHH Elem/HS	10/14/14	1/1	\$39,357 prorated to \$15,547 for 143 days	New Position

EMPLOYMENT
OF EDUCATIONAL
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Kathleen MacLean	Para	DHH Elem	10/6/14	9/BA	\$20,883 Prorated to \$17,075 for 148 days	New Position
Toni Flynn	Para	DESTINY HS	10/20/14	1/BA	\$17,140 Prorated to \$12,784 for 135 days	Replaces Brandy Steinberg
Rachel Paluch	Para	Braun	9/29/14	5/5	\$18,821 Prorated to \$15,389.55 for 148 days	Replaces Diana Brickman
Antoinette Drayton	Para	DESTINY Elem	10/14/14	1/5	\$17,140 Prorated to \$13,825 for 146 days	Replaces sub position
Laura Temores-Atilano	Para	Braun	9/15/14	3/3	\$16,026 Prorated to \$14,078 for 159 days	Replaces Gina Granata
Nancy Weidner	Para	Transition	9/15/14	1/1	\$13,576 Prorated to \$11,926 for 159 days	Replaces Paula Schackle
Elizabeth Konieczny	Para	DESTINY HS	9/22/14	5/BA	\$18,821 Prorated to \$16,013 for 154 days	Replaces Sharon McKeown
Regina Wilkinson	Para	Transition	9/5/14	16/3	\$22,747 prorated to \$20,736 for 165 days	Replaces Carole Ouradnik

RESIGNATION OF
ESP STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Date Effective
Diana Brickman	Para	Braun	9/26/14
June Maye	Para	DESTINY HS	10/3/14

REQUEST FOR
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

Staff Member	Position	Program	Type of Leave	Date Effective
Elizabeth Pappas	SLP	CD Elem	Medical Leave	10/3-12/1/14
Kathleen Redican	Teacher	Vision	Medical Leave	1/5-3/27/15
Carol Jegerski	Para	CD Elem	FMLA	10/2-10/24/14

2014-15
CLASSROOM
LEASES
FACILITY
PLANNING –
SUMMER 2015
EXPANSION OF
PROJECT
CHALLENGE
PROGRAM

Approved the 2014-15 classroom leases.

Authorized the design and planning expenses to prepare for a formal bid to replace four HVAC rooftop units and +/-5,000 square feet of roof at the Braun Educational Center.

Approved the addition of a half-day session of Project Challenge and the employment of a .5 FTE special education teacher and a .5 FTE paraeducator. *Motion was made by Mrs. Mason, seconded by Dr. Ticknor. On roll call, the following voted aye: Gricus, Scarsella, McDermott, Jebens, Mason, Ticknor, Kendall and Gay. Naves, none. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*

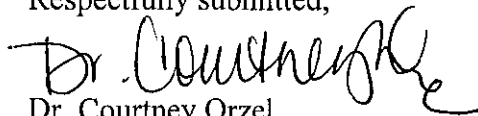
BOARD
REPORTS

Dr. O'Neil shared with the Board information regarding Senate Bill 16.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *motion was made by Mr. Jebens, seconded by Dr. McDermott that the meeting adjourn at 12:35 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Courtney Orzel
Secretary