



Administrative Offices

MINUTES OF THE SWCCCASE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 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, September 10, 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. Courtney Orzel (113a), Dr. Jeannie Stachowiak (117), Mr. Anthony Scarsella (118), Dr. Paul McDermott (142), Mr. Allen Jebens (145), Dr. Jeff Stawick (146), Mrs. Barbara Mason (159) arrived at 12:07, Dr. Sandra Thomas (160) arrived at 12:04 pm, Mr. Jeff Eagan (210), Dr. Bill Kendall (228) arrived at 12:07 and Dr. James Gay.
Also present: Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Executive Director, Dr. Christina Sepiol, Assistant Director and Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager.
- RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC** None.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** *Motion was made by Dr. McDermott seconded by Mr. Jebens 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 August 6, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting and Closed Session, Approval of Invoices and Payroll, Personnel items.*
On roll call, the following voted aye: Orzel, Stachowiak, Scarsella, McDermott, Jebens, Stawick, Eagan and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.
- CLOSED SESSION** *Motion was made by Dr. Stachowiak seconded by Dr. Stawick that the Board move to closed session at 12:02 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: Orzel, Stachowiak, Scarsella, McDermott, Jebens, Stawick, Eagan and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.

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OPEN
SESSION
REPORT OF
THE
BUSINESS
MANAGER

Motion was made by Dr. Stachowiak, seconded by Dr. Stawick that the Board members return to open session at 12:20 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Shumway presented the monthly Statement of Position, showing an ending balance of \$3,483,701.82 as of July 31, 2014. He also commented on revenue and expense summaries for the month.

APPROVE THE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Motion was made by Dr. Stachowiak, seconded by Mr. Jebens, that the following items be approved under the consent 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 September 2014 invoices in the amount of \$487,212.76, the August 2014 payroll in the amount of \$1,153,910.75 and the estimated September payroll in the amount of \$1,154,000.

EMPLOYMENT OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Amanda Collins	Social Worker	Transition	8/7/14	10/6	\$56,572	New Position
Chearee Mulcahy	Social Worker	CD Elem	8/7/14	1/6	\$45,166 Prorated to 22,583(.5 fte)	New Position

EMPLOYMENT
OF EDUCATIONAL
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Start Date	Step/ Col.	Annual Salary	Assignment/ Notes
Kelly Kmetty	Program Secretary	Braun	8/26/14	J	\$28,700 Prorated to \$24,395	Replaces Rita Svane
Alexandra Goodson	Interpreter	Transition	8/7/14	3/BA	\$31,839 Prorated to \$18,821.95	New Position
Tony Holguin, Jr.	Para	CD Elem	8/25/14	17/5	\$26,325 Prorated to \$25,161	Replaces Yoshika Thomas
Brandi Outlaw	Para	CD Elem	8/7/14	3/5	\$18,007	Replaces Davina Zbiegien
Shannon Parris-Roberts	Para	CD HS	8/7/14	1/5	\$17,140	Replaces Amy Bozzo
Jennifer Skopek	Para	DESTINY HS	8/7/14	1/5	\$17,140	Replaces a Sub position
Melissa Windt	Para	Transition	8/7/14	13/4	\$22,066	Replaces Vaida Lagoneckyte
Sarah Gaffney	Para	CD Elem	8/25/14	1/5	\$17,140 Prorated to \$17,045	Replaces Linda Ferguson
Sean Johnson	Para	Transition	8/7/14	11/4	\$20,799	Replaces Marilyn Higgins
Victoria Kozlowski	Para	Transition	9/2/14	2/4	\$16,574 prorated to \$15,383.60	Replaces Paula Schackle
Shelley Gray	Braillist	Vision	8/7/14- 9/10/14	16/1	\$42,733 prorated to	Rehired

			9/11/14 - 5/27/14		(\$3,069 for 13 days) \$38,011.12 for 161 days	
Kenneth Ford	Part-time Custodian	Building & Grounds	9/2/14	n/a	\$10 per hour	Replaces Anthony Gianares

RESIGNATION OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Date Effective
Gina Whalen	Teacher	Transition	6/24/14
Jessica Huisenga	SLP	CD Elem	8/6/14

RESIGNATION OF
ESP STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Date Effective
Gina Granata	Para	Braun	8/11/14
Brandy Steinberg	Para	DESTINY HS	8/12/14
Amy Bozzo	Para	DESTINY Elem	8/20/14
Linda Ferguson	Para	DESTINY Elem	8/1/14
Jennifer Jeffries	Para	Transition	8/12/14
Paula Schackle	Para	Transition	8/19/14
Anthony Gianares	Part-Time Custodian	Building & Grounds	8/29/14

REQUEST FOR
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

Staff Member	Position	Program	Type of Leave	Effective Date
Sharron Santefort	Teacher	CD HS	FMLA	8/20-11/12/14
Eric Smithson	Para	CD Elem	FMLA	8/28-9/26/14
Carol Jegerski	Para	CD Elem	FMLA	8/27-9/5/14
David Myford	Social Worker	CD Program	FMLA	9/10-9/17-14
Dr. Christina Sepiol	Assistant Executive Director	Administration	FMLA	10/7-10/10/14

REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL
POSITIONS FOR
DHH

Approved the request for a .5 FTE paraprofessional and a .5 FTE hearing itinerant teacher for the DHH program for the 2014-15 school year.

BOARD
REPORTS

Dr. O'Neil shared with the Board information she received from Mr. Tim Imler/ISBE regarding the FY15 Funding for children requiring Special Education Services.

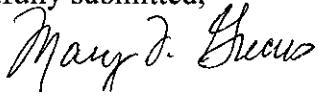
Dr. O'Neil reported that Rob Grossi will lead a working group on Senate Bill 16 which would include both Reps from winning and losing districts.

Dr. Gay shared his district is sending out a letter to all parents regarding Senate Bill 16 and he will share that letter with the Board.

Dr. Stawick reminded the Board that the IASA meeting will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 9 a.m. at the Midlothian Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, *motion was made by Mr. Jebens, seconded by Mrs. Mason that the meeting adjourn at 12:33 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary J. Gricus".

Dr. Mary Gricus
Secretary Pro-Tem