

MINUTES OF THE SWCCCASE
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

- 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 12:05 pm on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, by Dr. Bill Kendall, 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. Sandra Doebert (210), Dr. Joseph Dubec (118), Dr. James Gay (230), Dr. Marion Hoyda (146), Mr. Allen Jebens (145), Dr. Bill Kendall (228) and Dr. Tim Ricker (113a), Dr. Kenneth Sorrick (117), Mrs. Barbara Mason (159), and Dr. Earline Scott (160). Absent: Dr. Margaret Longo (142). Also present: Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Executive Director and Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager.
- RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC** No members of the public were present.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** *Motion was made by Dr. Scott, 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 4, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting and Closed Session, Approval of Invoices and Payroll, and Personnel Items. On roll call, the following voted aye: Ricker, Sorrick, Dubec, Jebens, Hoyda, Mason, Scott, Doebert, Kendall, and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*
- CLOSED SESSION** *Motion was made by Dr. Hoyda, seconded by Dr. Gay that the Board move to closed session at 12:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of collective negotiating between the Cooperative and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for the one or more classes of employees. 5 ILC 120/2 (c)(2). Collective negotiating between the Cooperative and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for the one or more classes of employees. 5 ILC 120/2 (c)(2). The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Cooperative, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular Cooperative has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Cooperative finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11).*
- On roll call, the following voted aye: Ricker, Dubec, Jebens, Hoyda, Doebert, Kendall, and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried*

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- OPEN SESSION *Motion was made by Dr. Ricker, seconded by Dr. Gay that the Board members return to open session at 1:15 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.*
- REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER Mr. Shumway presented the monthly Statement of Position, showing an ending balance of \$7,679,737.24 as of August 31, 2010. He also commented on revenue and expense summaries for the month.
- FY11 NONPUBLIC PROPORTIONATE SHARE CALCULATIONS Mr. Shumway presented the final nonpublic proportionate share calculations for FY11 IDEA Part B Flow Through and Preschool. He also reported Timely and Meaningful Consultations must be completed by October 15, 2010
- FY10 FUNDING FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES Mr. Shumway reported that on August 23, 2010 Governor Quinn signed HB 2270 (Public Act 96-1471) which approved \$17.1 million to pay districts eligible for special education hold harmless in **FY 2010**. The voucher for the 231 eligible districts was processed to the Office of the Comptroller on Monday August 30. The "other calculation" referenced in the new language is the existing split of the entire appropriation--85% based on each district's average daily attendance and 15% on poverty. The change amount between FY 07 and FY 10 has been calculated. Currently, there is no supplemental appropriation to pay the FY 2011 Hold Harmless amount. Any questions regarding these calculations you may contact Jodi Whitlow jwhitlow@isbe.net at 217-782-5256.
- FY11 FUNDING FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE Mr. Shumway provided information and the following link to access the final FY 2011 Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services district calculations http://www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/sped_funding11.pdf
- APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA *Motion was made by Mr. Jebens, seconded by Dr. Doebert, that the following items be approved under the consent agenda:*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the August 4, 2010 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 2010 invoices in the amount of \$3,971,785.42, the August 2010 payroll in the amount of \$952,095.03 and the estimated September 2010 payroll in the amount of \$953,000.00.

RESIGNATION
OF ESP

| Name | Position | Program | Effective | Comment |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Apoltolos Tsiamas | Paraeducator | Destiny | 8/11/10 | |
| Colleen Dravenack | Paraeducator | Destiny | 8/11/10 | |
| Kimberly Pyle | Paraeducator | CD Program | 8/13/10 | |
| Erika Silk | Paraeducator | Transition | 8/27/10 | |
| Tara DePaola | Paraeducator | CD Program | 1/1/2011 | |
| Sue Anderson | Secretary | Dept of Rehabilitation Services | 10/15/10 | |

RESIGNATION
OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

| Name | Position | Program | Effective | Comment |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Linsey Sabielny | Autism Consultant | Services | 8/27/10 | |
| Loelle Pop | OTr | OT/PT | 9/24/10 | |

REQUEST FOR
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

| Name | Position | Type of Leave | Effective Date | Comment |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Laura Litterst | Interpreter/DHH | FMLA | 10/12-1/5/11 | Paid/Unpaid |
| Elizabeth Vimarco | Paraeducator/Transition | FMLA | 8/17-9/14/10 | Paid |
| Colette Doyle | Paraeducator/Transition | FMLA | 9/7-11/19/10 | Paid/Unpaid |
| Sharon Santefort | Teacher/CD Program | FMLA | 8/19-5/31/10 Intermittent leave | Paid |
| Nikisha Fuglestad | Paraeducator/DHH | FMLA | 9/21-10/29/10 | Paid |
| Amanda Tuftie | Paraeducator/Transition | FMLA | 8/17-9/7/10 | Unpaid |

EMPLOYMENT
OF
PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

| Name | Position | Program | Start Date | Step/ Col. | Annual Salary | Assignment/ Notes |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---|------------------------------|
| Laura DeBiasio | Teacher | Braun | 8/11/10 | 1/1 | \$39,372 | New Position |
| Christopher Myers | Teacher | Transition | 8/11/10 | 1/1 | \$39,372 | New Position |
| Loelle Pop | OTr | OT/PT | 8/11/10 | 14/4 | \$61,140 prorated to \$48,303 for 143 days | New Position |
| Jennifer Swasas | SLP | CD Program | 8/11/10 | 1/4 | \$42,559 | New Position |
| David Markusic | Day/Day Sub | Transition | 8/11/10 | 1/1 | \$39,372 | Replaced Michelle Hogueisson |
| Mary DeFrank | SLP | CD Program | 8/11/10 | 3/6 | \$48,246 | New Position |
| Joanne Blair | Nurse | Braun | 8/25/10 | 1/1 | \$39,372 prorated to \$38,719 for 178 days | Replaced Deb Callicoat |

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EMPLOYMENT
OF
EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT
STAFF

| Name | Position | Program | Start Date | Step/ Col. | Annual Salary | Assignment/ Notes |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|---|-------------------|
| George Mikota | Paraeducator | Destiny H.S. | 8/23/10 | 1/5 | \$17,063 prorated to \$16,968.73 for 180 days | Apostolos Tsiamas |
| Jasper Adkins | Paraeducator | Transition | 8/11/10 | 1/3 | \$15,186 | New Position |
| Susan Sirigas | Paraeducator | Transition | 8/11/10 | 1/5 | \$17,063 | New Position |
| Jill Keenan | Paraeducator | Transition | 8/11/10 | 16/2 | \$22,260 | New Position |
| John Meneghini | Paraeducator | Transition | 8/11/10 | 1/5 | \$17,063 | New Position |
| James Knowles | Paraeducator | Transition | 9/1/10 | 1/5 | \$17,063 prorated to \$15,837 for 168 days | New Position |
| Jennifer Riemersma | Paraeducator | CD Elementary | 9/3/10 | 1/5 | \$17,063 prorated to \$16,214.56 for 172 days | New Position |

CONTRACTUAL
SERVICE
PROVIDER

| Service Provider | Position | Period of Service | Rate of Pay |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Gary Klinkman | Van Driver | 8/1/10-6/30/11 | \$12 per hour |
| Ray Richardson | Van Driver | 8/1/10-6/30/11 | \$12 per hour |
| Kathleen Fiala-Cline | SLP Services | 6/21/10-6/30/11 | \$73 per hour not to exceed 60 hrs for ESY & 504 hrs for the reg. 10-11 sch. yr. |

REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL
STAFF

The DHH High School Program has requested a paraeducator due to the needs of a student who requires one to one assistance.

OTHER
ACTION
ITEMS –
FORMAL BID OF
2 ACTIVITY
BUSES

Authorize the Business Manager to publicly bid the purchase of two wheelchair multifunction school-activity buses.

CONSENT
VOTE

On roll call, the following voted aye: Ricker, Sorrick, Dubec, Jebens, Hoyda, Mason, Scott, Doebert, Kendall, and Gay. Naves, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.

BOARD
REPORTS

Dr. O'Neil announced that Ms. Christine Rifkin, a teacher at the Transition Program, will be highlighted in a news segment that salutes great teachers in the Chicagoland area. The segment will be featured on the NBC5 Chicago 10pm newscast on Friday, October 1st.
Dr. O'Neil discussed the possibility of changing the April 2011 Board meeting date due to the IASA conference the same week of the meeting. She will get back to the Board with available dates.
Dr. Doebert shared information and brochure regarding skiing and scuba-diving for the visually impaired.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, *motion was made by Dr. Hoyda, seconded by Dr. Doeberl that the meeting adjourn at 1:27 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Earline Scott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dr. Earline Scott
Secretary