

**MINUTES OF THE SWCCCASE  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2011**

- 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, March 9, 2011, by Dr. Margaret Longo, 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. Tim Ricker (113a), Dr. Kenneth Sorrick (117), Dr. Joseph Dubec (118), Dr. Margaret Longo (142), Mr. Allen Jebens (145), Dr. Marion Hoyda (146), Dr. Earline Scott (160), Dr. Sandra Doebert (210), and Dr. James Gay (230). Absent: Mrs. Barbara Mason (159) and Dr. Bill Kendall (228). Also present: Dr. Gineen O'Neil, Executive Director, Ms. Christina Sepiol, Assistant Director and Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager.
- RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC** Mrs. Erin Hackett, Supervisor of the SWCCCASE Vision Program, arrived at 1:20 pm.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** *Motion was made by Dr. Hoyda seconded by Dr. Gay 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 March 9, 2011 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, Longo, Jebens, Hoyda, Scott, Doebert, and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*
- CLOSED SESSION** *Motion was made by Dr. Gay seconded by Dr. Hoyda that the Board move to closed session at 12:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following: 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); 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: Ricker, Sorrick, Dubec, Longo, Jebens, Hoyda, Scott, Doebert, and Gay. Nays, none, whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried.*

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OPEN  
SESSION

*Motion was made by Mr. Jebens, seconded by Dr. Gay that the Board members return to open session at 1:05 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 \$6,573,979.77 as of January 31, 2011. He also commented on revenue and expense summaries for the month.

BREMEN  
TOWNSHIP  
TREASURER'S  
OFFICE-HB 1848

House Bill 1848 has been proposed to restructure the Bremen Township Treasurer's Office. The bill also addresses a language change allowing only one representative from each elementary school district serving on the remaining Board of Trustees within the School's Treasurer's Offices. Information was provided to the Board relative to the withdrawal of school districts from this structure in order to provide a stronger oversight of financial resources by local school districts.

REPORT  
OF THE  
ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR  
INFINITEC  
PRESENTATION

As members of the Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition, employees of SWCCCASE and all Member Districts have access to many programs and services. Infinitec provides resources, video trainings for professional development, and consultation in many areas. Erin Hackett provided a brief presentation regarding Infinitec services

REPORT OF  
THE  
DIRECTOR  
FEE INCREASE

On March 1, 2011, Sruga Hauser, LLC sent a memorandum regarding an increase in their fee for legal services. Thus, effective July 1, 2011, Sruga Hauser, LLC hourly rate will increase from \$195.00 to \$200.00 per hour for all of their attorneys.

FY10 SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
PROFILE

The Illinois State Board of Education provides Special Education Data Profiles on an annual basis. The information includes data from the Fall Housing Report, Nonpublic Registration, Enrollment and Staff Report and the FACTS (Special Education Funding and Child Tracking System). Some of this data is incompatible as it has been collected during various points in the school year (ex. Fall Housing-student enrollment on the last day of September and IDEA-December 1, 2009). This summary is used by ISBE for comparisons and targeting sites for monitoring. Districts received their district profiles. The Board received the profile for SWCCCASE.

DISTRICT  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
PROFILE

District Special Education Profiles are now available to be reviewed on IWAS. District Special Education Profiles contain information regarding a district's progress toward improving results on critical performance indicators in the areas of student performance, educational environment and school completion. The 2009-2010 Profiles will be open to the public after the initial district superintendent review period and will be found via the ISBE Special Education Profiles site

(<http://webprod1.isbe.net/LEAProfile/Searchcriteria1.aspx>) after March 14, 2011. Questions regarding the District Special Education Profiles may be directed to Scott Beever or Gwen Williams at 217-782-5589.

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA *Motion was made by Dr. Hoyda, seconded by Dr. Gay, that the following items be approved under the consent agenda:*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the March 9, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Directors, as well as the closed session minutes of the same date.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND PAYROLL The March 2011 invoices in the amount of \$474,206.70, the February 2011 payroll in the amount of \$1,045,723.82 and the estimated March 2011 payroll in the amount of \$1,046,000.

RESIGNATION OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Position	Program	Date Effective	Comment
Ann O'Flaherty	Paraeducator	CD Program	2/4/2011	
Stacy Tucker	Paraeducator	Destiny	7/28/2011	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	Position	Program	Type of Leave	Effective Date
Mary Burruss	DHH Itinerant	DHH	FMLA	2/21-3/11/11
Jessica Smith	Paraeducator	DHH	FMLA	5/2-6/6/11
Cathy McEnery	Teacher	Transition	FMLA	5/9-6/1-11
Colette Doyle	Paraeducator	Transition	Medical	2/7-4/11/11
Deborah Scharnhorst	Secretary	Admin	Medical	2/9-3/25/11

RELEASE OF CERTIFICATED STAFF

Per the Resolution Probationary Certified Staff Teachers, Day To Day Substitutes and/or Part-Time Probationary Staff From Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education (Exhibit A), approve the release probationary certified staff Carol Altmann (teacher), Laura DeBiasio (teacher), Jennifer Ferkaluk (teacher), Tasha Gibson (SLP), Abigail Kellerman (social worker), Christopher Myers (teacher), Sarah Ruggio (social worker), Emily Simpson (teacher), James Smotherman (teacher), and Jennifer Swasas (SLP), Day to Day substitutes David Markusic, Jr., Erin McKee, Sharon McKeown, Nathan Noel, Sherna Porri, Jacqueline Wic, and part-time nontenured certified staff Lorraine Griffiths, Maureen O'Brien, Kathleen Redican and Rebecca Handler.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Approve the memorandum of understanding for the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

INTERNET  
SERVICE

Approve the Business Manager to sign a 5-year contract with Comcast for high speed fiber internet access.

INTERFUND  
TRANSFER  
NOTICE

Approve the published notice for a \$400,000 fund transfer from the Education Fund to the Transportation fund.

FY11 BUDGET  
AMENDMENT

Approve the amended FY11 budget for a 30 day public display prior to the final approval by the Board at the April Board meeting.

CONSENT  
VOTE

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

BOARD  
REPORTS

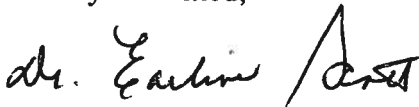
Dr. Longo discussed pension reform. She also discussed the litigation of the Bremen Township Office. Dr. Longo reminded the Board about the IASBO meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Midlothian Country Club.

Dr. Hoyda announced District 146 is hosting a Pre-Town Hall meeting regarding HB 1886 on Monday March 14 from 6 – 7 pm. The meeting is to discuss the proposed legislation and the impact on our schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *motion was made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Dr. Doebert that the meeting adjourn at 2:00 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Earline Scott  
Secretary