

Woodford County Special Education Association
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 13, 2023, 8:00 a.m., WCSEA Office

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dr. Ben Lee on December 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Members present:

Dr. Ben Lee	#1	
Mr. Tim Turner	#2	
Mr. Dave Johnson	#6	
Dr. David Johnson	#21	arrived at 8:05 a.m.
Mr. John Streit	#60	
Mr. Sean O’Laughlin	#122	
Mr. Bob Bardwell	#140	

Members not present:

Mr. Dan Mair	#69
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Others present:

Dr. Eric Scroggs, Executive Director
Mrs. Michelle DuBois and Mrs. Maureen Whalen, Special Education Administrators
Mr. Brad Davis, PAC Chair

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Mr. O’Laughlin to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2023; and the bills, treasurer’s reports and financial reports of December 13, 2023, and the destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 months. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Dr. Scroggs provided a brief update of the November PAC meeting, which was a coaching session for parents on AAC conducted by two WCSEA SLPs.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. O’Laughlin, to approve the employment of Elizabeth Neumann as Full Time Speech-Language Pathologist for the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of licensure results and results of background check. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Dr. Lee, to approve the FY2022-2023 Annual Financial Report. There was one finding, which was related to the monthly reconciliation process. This process has already been adjusted with assistance from the auditor. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. O’Laughlin, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the Black Partridge/ELSA/ROE lease with Germantown Hills School District and subleases with the ROE and ESLA. The lease and ESLA sublease will be through June 30, 2026 and the sublease with the ROE will be through June 30, 2025. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. O'Laughlin, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for SRO services through the Woodford County Sheriff's Department through June 30, 2026. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Dr. Scroggs discussed the increasing number of students requiring Skill Builder placement, specifically at the elementary level, and the need for an additional classroom. Over the next month, program recommendations for locations will be finalized for the 2024-2025 year. Black Partridge program numbers are projected to be stable from this year to next.

Dr. Scroggs indicated that the psychologist shortage continues to be an issue for WCSEA, with no current applicants. He attended a job fair at Western Illinois University and is interviewing 3 candidates for internship in January, and intends on hiring up to 2 for the 2024-2025 year.

Dr. Scroggs asked for feedback as to whether any districts will be exercising the option of maintaining an oxygen tank in their buildings. No districts will be doing this, other than Black Partridge/ESLA.

Dr. Scroggs provided updated on IDEA Excess Cost and PCG Cost Study deadlines.

The resignations were submitted for Aiden Harsted, Part Time Paraprofessional effective December 20, 2023 and Sue Ellen Phelps, Paraprofessional effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Dr. Lee to enter into executive Session for the Purposes of Discussing the Employment of Employees, (Illinois *Open Meetings Act*, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 8:30 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Johnson to enter back into open session at 8:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of executive session.


There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. O'Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m. All present voted "yea".



Committee Secretary

1/10/24

Date



Chairman

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