

Woodford County Special Education Association
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 2019, 8:00 a.m., WCSEA Office

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Mr. Dan Mair on April 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Members present:

Mr. Martin Payne	#1	
Mr. Duane Schupp	#21	arrived at 8:43 a.m.
Dr. Rohn Peterson	#60	
Mr. Dan Mair	#69	
Mr. Sean O'Laughlin	#122	
Mr. Bob Bardwell	#140	

Members not present:

Mr. Daren Lowery	#2
Dr. Dan Oakley	#6

Others present:

Dr. Eric Scroggs, Executive Director
Kristin Fehr, Special Education Administrator
Maureen Whalen, Special Education Administrator
Andrea Hartnett, Special Education Administrator
Teresa Parks, Parent Advisory Committee

Moved by Mr. O'Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Bardwell to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 14, 2019; the bills, treasurer's reports and financial reports of April 10, 2019; and the destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 months. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Teresa Parks from the Parent Advisory Committee provided an update from the PAC meeting held on April 1, 2019. She indicated that the group developed a draft vision statement for the PAC that outlined the desire for inclusive practices for students. Mrs. Parks also let the superintendents know that the members of the group would be reaching out to district administrators to discuss having Disability/Diversity Week activities next year. She also reminded the superintendents of the upcoming Transition Fair to be held on April 16, 2019 at Black Partridge School.

Andrea Hartnett invited the superintendents to the Sip and Bid fundraiser on May 3, 2019 at the winery outside of Metamora. Proceeds will go to the new playground at Black Partridge/Easterseals.

Moved by Mr. O'Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Payne, to approve the employment of Chrissy Zehr as Transition Special Education Teacher; Bridget Jessen as MTSS Coordinator; and Maria Berardi as ECE Bright Beginnings Teacher at Lowpoint Washburn for the 2019-20 school year, pending completion of licensure and background results. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to approve the separation agreement for Robin Roberts, School Secretary, calling for a 6% salary increase for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, with retirement effective on June 30, 2024. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Payne, to approve the administrative contracts for Kelli Peterson, Andrea Hartnett, Kristin Fehr, and Lindsay Franklin for the 2019-2020 year with salaries as presented to the committee members. Additionally, the committee accepts the irrevocable retirement letter from Maureen Whalen, with the salary as presented for the 2019-2020 year, and 3% raises for each of her remaining 4 years of employment, with retirement at the end of the 2023-2024 year. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. O'Laughlin, to approve the contract for Brecht's Databased Solutions for PowerIEP, PowerEval, and PowerDS for the 2019-20 school year at a rate that is the same as the 2018-19 year. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Mr. O'Laughlin, to approve the Black Partridge School calendar for the 2019-2020 as initially presented in March. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Bardwell, to approve the extension of the license agreement between the Germantown Hills School District and WCSEA through June 30, 2023 and sub license agreement between WCSEA and Easterseals through June 30, 2023. This is a three year extension of the current agreement, which was to expire on June 30, 2020. The extension further strengthens the commitment of Easterseals to the facility. The ROE agreement will remain on a year to year cycle due to the volatility of their funding. Additionally, the threshold of \$10,000 was set for major expenses to be split between WCSEA and Germantown Hills. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Dr. Scroggs checked in with the superintendents on the process of approving the resolutions to amend the Articles of Agreement and appoint board members to the WCSEA Governing Board. A reminder was given to send the signed resolutions to WCSEA when approved by district boards.

Dr. Peterson presented the idea of raising the Room Fees for STARS programs to allow for the provision of a stipend to the housing principal. The superintendents discussed the concept, along with the general effectiveness of the STARS program. At this time, there is no elementary program and there will not be a high school program next year. Multiple committee members expressed the idea of eliminating the program completely. With the teacher shortage and the lack of districts willing to host the programs, the committee decided to eliminate the STARS program. The teacher from the program would fill the current opening at MTHS Skill Builders and the paraprofessionals would fill current opened positions. Dr. Scroggs indicated that with this, it will be more important than ever to provide supports and placement options within the districts before pursuing placement at Black Partridge.

Dr. Scroggs provided information on Occupational Therapy staff caseloads and schedules. At this time, the recommendation from WCSEA administration is to either increase COTA staff, or eliminate the provision of Tier 2 groups by COTAs. The Executive Committee members indicated that they believe that Tier 2 could be done by building staff. Dr. Scroggs indicated that guidance would be developed on the provision of Tier 2, as well as guidance on implementing sensory strategies by teachers prior to making a referral to WCSEA for sensory consultation.

Mr. Mair provided an update on the School Resource Officer position. He had a positive meeting with members of the county board and sheriffs department and believes that an agreement can be made to place an officer at GH and Black Partridge for the cost of the school year, with the county finding other means to cover the cost over the summer.

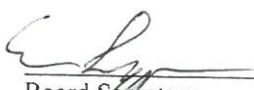
Dr. Scroggs indicated that the following positions are still open for the 2019-2020 year and he continues to seek applicants for the positions:

- Teacher at BP

- Social Worker at BP
- Assistant Administrator
- Psych Intern and GAs from ISU
- RtI Coordinator
- Paraprofessionals

WCSEA will provide information on the Timely and Meaningful Consultation and Professional Development to the districts as they complete the Consolidated District Plans. The TMC will be completed in mid-May.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Payne, seconded by Mr. Schupp, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m. All present voted "yea".


Board Secretary

5/9/19
Date


Acting Chairman

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