

**Woodford County Special Education Association**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m., WCSEA Office**

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dr. Dan Oakley on December 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

*Members present:*

Dr. Dan Oakley	#6
Mr. Duane Schupp	#21
Dr. Rohn Peterson	#60
Mr. Sean O'Laughlin	#122
Mr. Bob Bardwell	#140

*Members not present:*

Mr. Martin Payne	#1
Mr. Daren Lowery	#2
Mr. Dan Mair	#69

*Others present:*

Dr. Eric Scroggs, Executive Director  
Maureen Whalen, Special Education Administrator  
Mrs. Mutti and Mrs. Short – Parent Advisory Committee

Moved by Dr. Rohn Peterson, seconded by Mr. Schupp, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2018, the bills, treasurer's reports and financial reports of December 13, 2018, and the destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 months. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to approve the employment of Kerry McCune as special education teacher in MTHS Skill Builder's, starting December 17, 2018 pending completion of licensure requirements and results of background check. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Members of the Parent Advisory Committee provided a report from the December 3, 2018 meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was a discussion about the definition of inclusion. There was good discussion and the committee will work to have a shared definition over the next couple of meetings. Members of the committee will also be reaching out to superintendents of the districts to discuss inclusion in the coming months.

Dr. Scroggs discussed the planning that he has done with Mr. Mair regarding the position of School Resource Officer. They have had discussions with retired police officers and there is interest in a retired officer filling the position as opposed to contracting with a law enforcement agency. The cost would be significantly less going with this option. A SRO would be able to conceal carry with board resolution. The Executive Committee gave Dr. Scroggs the go ahead to move forward with planning for this position.

Dr. Scroggs discussed the topic of WCSEA becoming a Special Education Cooperative as Legal Entity. He has discussed with other cooperative directors the pros and cons. With the recommendation of Mr. Mair, the plan is to move forward with this process if the executive committee gives the go ahead. The committee members present at the meeting gave the recommendation to move forward working with the coop attorney to amend the Articles of Agreement.

An update of WCSEA program numbers was provided. The numbers of students recommended in WCSEA programs and private placements has risen this year. Additionally, the needs of the students in the STARS program at MTHS have been significant. This program's future will be reviewed over the coming months.

The Director requested an extended meeting in January in order to comprehensively discuss and gain feedback from the Executive Committee members on a number of topics. Dr. Oakley indicated that the board members should set aside from 8:00-11:00 for the January meeting.

The Eureka College Special Education Endorsement Program will begin over the summer. This program will be for professionals who already hold a professional teaching license. The program will require 3-4 classes and a practicum.

Dr. Scroggs participated in a Central Illinois School Psychology Program Roundtable on November 30<sup>th</sup>, including area directors, coordinators of the ISU and WIU school psych programs, and a representative from ISBE. The participants discussed the shortage in the area and nationwide. Ideas for recruitment were discussed, which will be explored further, but through discussion, there are not enough candidates being produced from programs. Dr. Scroggs will continue recruitment including practicum students, interns; but local coop directors are also approaching Western Illinois University about starting a cohort program geared to working professionals.

The WCSEA Executive Committee Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> is in conflict with the ROE meeting. WCSEA Executive Committee members decided to move the meeting to Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Scroggs reminded superintendents that the Excess Cost documentation is due to WCSEA by break and final documentation will be submitted to ISBE by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Several districts received notice from ISBE that your district exceeded 1% of students participating in DLM. Dr. Scroggs have been informed by ISBE that any districts with fewer than 500 students taking state assessments will be exempted from this requirement due to low numbers. ISBE has indicated that they are sending out letters to districts if this exemption applies.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. O'Laughlin, seconded by Mr. Schupp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. All present voted "yea".

  
Board Secretary  
4/10/19  
Date

  
Chairman  
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