

Woodford County Special Education Association
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m., WCSEA Office

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dr. Dan Oakley on January 11, 2018 at 8:01 a.m.

Members present:

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| Dr. Michelle Lee | #2 |
| Dr. Dan Oakley | #6 |
| Mr. Duane Schupp | #21 |
| Dr. Rohn Peterson | #60 |
| Mr. Dan Mair | #69 |
| Mr. Sean O'Laughlin | #122 |
| Mr. Bob Bardwell | #140 |

Members not present:

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| Mr. Martin Payne | #1 |
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Others present:

Dr. Eric Scroggs, Executive Director
Andrea Hartnett, Special Education Administrator
Maureen Whalen, Special Education Administrator
Mrs. Garber, Mrs. Mutti, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Derr; ACES Parent Group

Moved by Dr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mair, to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2017; Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2017; the bills, treasurer's reports and financial reports of January 11, 2017; and the destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings Older than 18 months. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

The ACES parent group provided their input into the upcoming action item of amending the WCSEA Articles of Agreement to include 1-2 district board members on the WCSEA Executive Committee. The members of ACES indicated that the intent is to increase collaboration and community involvement. They believe that this addition would bring diversity and acceptance of students with disabilities, and would be a great opportunity for this board to be collaborative and innovative. They re-stated what they had previously shared with the Director and board that this request is not because of dissatisfaction, but rather, due to the need for more collaboration.

The board members provided discussion regarding the action item of Amend WCSEA Articles of Agreement to Include District Board Membership. Mr. Mair indicated that he discussed this topic with the board and while the consensus of his board is that membership on the WCSEA Board is not necessary, increased collaboration and communication is needed, and the establishment of an Advisory Committee is recommended. Mr. O'Laughlin and Dr. Peterson agreed. There was no other discussion. The Committee Chair asked for a motion, then a second request for a motion to amend the Articles of agreement, but no board members made a motion. The action item of Amend WCSEA Articles of Agreement to Include District Board Membership died with no motion.

Moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Dr. Lee, to approve the Retirement Incentive for WCSEA Secretaries Phyllis Fisher and Connie Miller at the effective for the remainder of the 2017-18 year through June 30, 2019. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. Schupp, to approve the Release of the Following Close Session Minutes: 3/8/12, 5/10/12, 5/9/13, 3/13/14, 4/14/16, 5/8/14, 11/5/15, 2/4/16, 3/10/16, and 10/12/16 All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

Moved by Mr. Bardwell, seconded by Mr. O'Laughlin, to approve Gorenz and Associates as the cooperative Auditor for the FY18 audit at a cost not to exceed \$7,750. All present voted "yea" on roll call vote.

The Director indicated that Strategic Planning sessions would take in March and April. The committee will consist of WCSEA administration, staff, and parents. The Director asked the ACES group to provide two volunteers to serve on the committee. Additionally, the board discussed the establishment of a special Board committee to develop the Parental Advisory Committee. All ACES group members volunteered to serve on this committee, along with Dr. Scroggs, Mrs. Fehr, Mr. Mair, and Dr. Lee. The item of the establishment of the special planning committee will be brought as an action item at the February board meeting and the first meeting will follow soon after.

The Director presented the following recommendations were provided in the October 2017 IASB PRESS: 2:260, 4:15, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:240, 5:290, 6:340, 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, 7:275, and 7:340. These policy changes will be presented for adoption at the February 2018 WCSEA Executive Committee meeting.

The Director provided a first reading of the 2018-19 Black Partridge School Calendar. The calendar for BP, Easterseals, and the ROE Safe School will align with the Germantown Hills calendar. Once the GH calendar is approved by the GH board, the BP Calendar will be brought as an action item with the WCSEA board.

Dr. Oakley indicated that he will be establishing the board meeting procedures to follow Robert's Rules of Order. The board members were in favor of this move.


The Director provided an update on the Easterseals Learning Academy. The school has 4 classrooms and has had an enrollment of 29 students from throughout Central Illinois for the entire year. The school currently has a waitlist and there is no intention of taking new students. Additionally, the Director reported that Mr. Kevin Dill, COO of Easterseals will be leaving at the end of the January. Easterseals is currently working on a transition of leadership that will oversee the Academy.

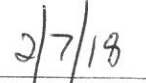
The Director provided a brief update on the Black Partridge Public Day School. The school currently has 3 classrooms and 24 students. The program is not taking any more Tazewell County students and has minimal spots for WCSEA students. There are currently 9 students from Tazewell County and more on the waitlist. Next year, the program will be adding a 4th classroom, which will allow for growth, which is anticipated due to the demand already experienced since the program opened.

The Director reminded the superintendents to submit IDEA Excess Cost data in a timely manner. The Director will submit to ISBE on behalf of each district, by January 31st.

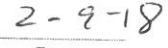
The Director indicated that the Negotiations Committee will be working with the employee groups in February and an update will be provided to the board in February and March. Dr. Oakley, Mr. Bardwell, and Dr. Scroggs serve on the WCSEA Negotiations Committee.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. Schupp, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. All present voted "yea".


Board Secretary


Date


Chairman


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