

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
Executive Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 2017
1304 Ronzheimer Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, Administration Building.

Call to Order

Dr. Pearson, Superintendent D303, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following members were also present: Dr. Hichens, Superintendent D101; Dr. Leden, Superintendent D302; and Dr. Mutchler, Superintendent D304; Dr. Law stepped in for Dr. Mutchler at 9:36 a.m. Dr. Stirn, Superintendent D301 was absent.

Also present: Special Education Administrative Liaisons/Designees from the member districts; Dr. Carla Cumblad, Mid-Valley Executive Director; Dr. Marianne Fidishin, in-coming Mid-Valley Executive Director; Nancy Sporer, Mid-Valley Director of Business and Human Resources; and Bonnie Carlson, Mid-Valley Executive Assistant.

Approval of Amended Agenda

Dr. Pearson called for the Approval of the Agenda. Dr. Mutchler moved and Dr. Hichens seconded the motion. Approval of the Agenda was confirmed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, May 31, 2017
- 4.2 Approval of Bills, June, 2017
- 4.3 Approval of Payroll, June, 2017
- 4.4 Approval of Financial Report, June, 2017
- 4.5 Approval of Contract with Waubensee Community College
- 4.6 Approval of Contract with Fox Valley Christian Church
- 4.7 Approval of Classroom Use Agreements
- 4.8 PowerIEP Contract, District 303

Dr. Pearson called for Approval of the Consent Agenda. Dr. Mutchler moved and Dr. Leden seconded the motion. Approval of the Consent Agenda was confirmed by unanimous vote.

Information

5.1 Introduction of Peyton LaCroix

Dr. Cumblad introduced Peyton LaCroix to the Board. Peyton donated \$700 to Mid-Valley from the profits she made selling Autism Awareness necklaces at Haines Middle School. Dr. Cumblad shared that the money was used to purchase Beemze interactive music players for some of the Mid-Valley classrooms. A short video of some of the Mid-Valley students using the interactive music players was shown.

5.2 Special Olympics Medal Winners

Dr. Cumblad share the success of the Mid-Valley All-Stars at the Special Olympics Field and Track events in May. In total the team walked away with thirteen 1st place medals, twelve 2nd place medals, and nine 3rd place medals. Additional metals were received for 4th through 8th place. Twelve students continued to the games downstate winning four silver medals and one bronze.

5.3 Student and Staff Enrollment, June, 2017

Dr. Cumblad reported to the Board the Student and Staff enrollment, June, 2017. Enrollment remained the same as in early June. Staffing is where it is expected to be.

5.4 Administrative Liaison Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2017

This meeting was held prior to the Board meeting so minutes were not available at the time of the meeting. Dr. Cumblad will send the minutes to the Board and Liaison members.

5.5 Professional Development Presentation

Jennifer Phillips presented the end of the year professional development report. Focus remained on core coaching. Ms. Phillips referred to a presentation and table framework that was created showing building knowledge and skill trends. Professional development offerings showed a slight decrease due to the focus going to skills, topics, and professional networks. The coaching component showed a lower percentage than projected due to proactive vs reactive district response. Districts continued to use a higher level of days. Approximately 100 teachers engaged in the CHAMPS Implementation process. Focus was on engagement; activity participating in the learning, attending to the learning, alignment with expectations, and student independence. Five teams engaging in the Autism Implementation coaching process. Focus was on increased knowledge about ASD among all staff, increased engagement of students with ASD with general education peers, assessment for instructional planning with limited language skills, and increasing student independence.

5.6 Estimated ESY Bills

Nancy Sporer shared the Estimated ESY Bills with the Board. A spreadsheet reflecting each districts estimated ESY tuition was provided and discussed.

5.7 Estimated Tuition for FY18

Nancy Sporer shared the Estimated Tuition with the Board. The budget was based on 269 students at the start of the school year. Currently there are 10 unconfirmed students. The budget has increased 3.19% from last year due to the anticipation of additional students and staff.

5.8 IDEA Grant Update

Dr. Cumblad share with the Board that the IDEA Grant has not been submitted due to several reasons. Dr. Cumblad will notify the liaisons as soon as information is received from the state.

5.9 Information from the Geneva High School ALOP Program

Anne Girannte share Information from the Geneva High School ALOP Program. There were 28 high school students supported through the ALOP program. The program offered 54 classes with additional classroom support being offered in non-ALOP classes. Nine students went on to graduate. Future goals are to keep the attendance rate going up, add more support, increase graduation rate, and identify students earlier.

5.10 Freedom of Information Requests, June, 2017

Nancy Sporer shared the Freedom of Information Request with the Board. Patti Lopuszanski filed a Freedom of Information request in May regarding a.) P-card statements and receipts for all Mid-Valley Administrators for the 2016-17 school year broken down by monthly statements with attached receipts as required for payment on Board policy. b.) Payroll history with personal information redacted for all Mid-Valley Administrators for the 2016-17 school year. List of Mid-Valley employees broken down by program and location for the 2016-17 school year. c.) List of insurance claims/workers compensation claims paid out by CLIC, or any other insurance carrier to be noted, during the 2016-17 school year including amounts and purpose of claim and payout date by the insurance carrier. d.) List of all professional development providers, including service provided, and amount paid for the 2016-17 school year. Available information was sent to Ms. Lopuszanski. Personnel time to respond was 10 hours. Personnel cost to respond was \$599.92. Legal fees will be reported to the Board at a later date.

5.11 Vision Orientation and Mobility Cost Comparisons

Dr. Cumblad shared a table reflecting potential billing for O&M service from NIA that was provided by all districts with the exception of D303 who will continue using NIA. The costs are almost identical to NIA. The shift to Mid-Valley providing O&M services will provide better consistency and communication.

5.12 Extended School Year Update

Dr. Cumblad reported the Extended School Year Update to the Board. Enrollment is up by 20 students. There is also an increase in students receiving 1:1 services. Dr. Fidishin will give a full report on ESY at the September Board meeting.

For Discussion

6.1 Reminder IWAS Director Renewal

Dr. Cumblad reminded the Board of the IWAS Director Renewal.

6.2 Board Elections

By unanimous vote the following elections were made: Dr. Pearson, Board President; Dr. Stirn, Vice President; Dr. Mutchler, Board Secretary, Nancy Sporer, Board Treasurer.

6.3 Confirmation of Board Workshop Date: September 6, 2017

Dr. Cumblad reminded the Board the Board Workshop will be held on September 6, 2017. The topics will include a review of the year and strategic planning.

For Action

7.1 Approval of Evaluation Plan Revisions

Dr. Hichens motioned, seconded by Dr. Leden for Approval of Evaluation Plan Revisions. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.2 Approval of Alternatives Learning Opportunity Application (ALOP)

Dr. Leden motioned, seconded by Dr. Hichens for Approval of Alternatives Learning Opportunity Application (ALOP). Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.3 Approval of the FY18 Tentative Budget

Dr. Hichens motioned, seconded by Dr. Leden for Approval of the FY18 Tentative Budget. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.4 Approval of the Personnel Report, June, 2017

Dr. Leden motioned, seconded by Dr. Hichens for Approval of the Personnel Report, June, 2017. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.5 Approval of Grant Awards

Dr. Hichens motioned, seconded by Dr. Leden for Approval of Grant Awards. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Dr. Leden and seconded by Dr. Hichens. By consensus the motion carried 4-0 Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Chair of the Mid-Valley Board