

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
Executive Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
1304 Ronzheimer Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, Administration Building.

Call to Order

Dr. Schlomann, Superintendent D303, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following members were also present: Dr. Hichens, Superintendent D101; Dr. Stirn, Superintendent D301; Dr. Leden, Superintendent D302; and Dr. Mutchler, Superintendent D304.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

One citizen commented regarding the high school New Pathways option.

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, February 3, 2016
- 4.2 Approval of Bills, February, 2016
- 4.3 Approval of Payroll, February, 2016
- 4.4 Approval of the Financial Report, February, 2016

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

Information

5.1 Student and Staff Enrollment, February, 2016

Dr. Cumblad reported to the Board the Student and Staff enrollment, February, 2016. Student enrollment has stayed the same. There are several referrals coming in from Sycamore and DeKalb for the New Directions program. Staffing where it is expected to be.

5.2 Administrative Liaison Meeting Minutes, February 29, 2016

Dr. Cumblad shared the minutes from the Administrative Liaison Meeting on February 29, 2016. Highlights included: PowerIEP discussion, needs assessment reports, student projections, a secretaries meeting twice a year, and behavior coaching options.

5.3 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2016

Nancy Sporer shared minutes from the Finance Committee meeting on February 25, 2016. Highlights included: budget assumptions, administrator budgets, operations and maintenance, related/itinerant services, program budgets, IDEA, tentative budgets and the Board workshop.

5.4 Personnel Reimbursement

Nancy Sporer shared the Personnel Reimbursement with the Board. Ms. Sporer discussed the chart showing the amount of reimbursement received and paid in the first quarter and the total amounts to be paid to each district from the second quarter.

5.5 Non-Member Districts Students for Fall, 2016

Dr. Cumblad shared with the Board there are currently twelve non-member district students attending a Mid-Valley program. It is recommended these students continue for the 2016-17 school year.

5.6 Needs Assessment Results

Jennifer Phillips shared the Needs Assessment results with the Board. Response this year was up 180% from last year. The areas of highest need were behavior/social emotional development, best practice in instructional strategies, curriculum materials for use with a variety of learners, assessment and data, and autism spectrum disorders.

5.7 Spring Recognition Dates

The following Spring Recognition Dates were shared with the Board:

Special Olympics Regional Track & Field	May 1, 2016, All Day
Staff Celebration & Appreciation	May 3, 2016, 3:00-5:30
SAIL Graduation Breakfast	May 17, 2016, 8:30-11:30
Young Athletes Day	May 19, 2016, All Day
New Directions/Safe School Graduation	May 24, 2016, 10:00-2:00

5.8 IMRF Settlement

Nancy Sporer shared with the Board information regarding two IMRF letters received claiming accelerated payments for two retired Mid-Valley employees. A request for review for both cases was sent to IMRF and denied. An appeal was sent to IMRF and it was agreed that Mid-Valley was following the guidelines of the contracts, but still owed a minor penalty.

For Discussion

6.1 Posting of Critical Positions for Fall, 2016

Dr. Cumblad requested the Posting of Critical Positions be done prior to June in order to recruit the most qualified candidates. Discussion included the increase to .4 FTE Vision Itinerant, filling position of staff who have retired or resigned and the addition of a Behavior Coach.

6.2 Board Meeting Dates, 2016-17

The Board meeting dates for FY 2016-17 were presented to the Board for discussion. The proposed dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

6.3 High School Autism Program

Dr. Mutchler addressed the Board regarding the startup of a high school autism program within the Geneva school district. He cannot be certain at this time, but he would like the program to be at Geneva High School in the fall. Space will be made available in the middle school for the 2016-17 school year, if necessary.

6.4 Safe Schools Discussion

Maura Burns shared information with each Board member regarding the progress of the students attending the Safe Schools Program. Discussion included a two-tiered “three-strike” system. One tier would track attendance and the other tier would track behavioral infractions. The option of offering a fresh start at the beginning of the school year was suggested and supported by the Board. Further discussion amongst the liaisons regarding safe school policies was suggested.

6.5 Illinois Youth Center

Dr. Cumblad shared information regarding her meeting in Springfield. ISBE would prefer that Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative would provide technical assistance to the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. The process is slow moving. Dr. Cumblad will keep the Board informed with any further developments.

For Action

7.1 Approval of the Personnel Report, February, 2016

Dr. Stirn motioned, seconded by Dr. Hichens for Approval of the Personnel Report, February, 2016. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

8. Closed Session

(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

9. Further Action

No further action was taken.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.