

**Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
Executive Advisory Board Workshop
Minutes
March 2, 2016**

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board Room
1304 Ronzheimer Ave.
St. Charles, IL 60174

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Dr. Schlomann, Superintendent of District 303. The following superintendents were also present: Dr. Hichens, D101; Dr. Stirn, D301; Dr. Todd Leden, Superintendent, D302; and, Dr. Mutchler, D304. Also present were the administrative liaisons from the member districts, Nancy Sporer and Carla Cumblad from Mid-Valley.
2. The agenda was approved.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Nancy Sporer presented information regarding the preliminary budget that included (a) the overall enrollment and preliminary budget estimates; (b) assumptions regarding salary, insurance and retirement benefits; and, (c) estimates for the overall staffing plan.
5. Nancy Sporer also presented information regarding specific budget estimates that included: (a) the administration budget; (b) the operations and maintenance budgets; (c) technology; (d) specific program budgets with known changes; (e) associated changes to the related services budgets; and, (f) increases in vision itinerant services. Within the context of the NIA services discussion, it was determined that a .5 administrator should be hired for Mid-Valley. This administrator will replace NIA technical assistance.
6. The proposed portion of IDEA funds to be used for MV and shared professional development is approximately 2.5%. There is an increase in request for behavior coaching days in most districts, but these costs will be included in the district tuition bills.
7. Medicaid funds will continue to fund Shelby rent, but few other purchases as it is expected that this revenue source will be less in the future.
8. The proposed budget for the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) was presented. There was a discussion about the use of the fund balance to create options for students with mental health needs or substance abuse needs within district high schools. Additional options will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings.
9. Nancy Sporer presented the FY17 preliminary budget summary and estimated tuitions with the caution that it is very early in the budget season to predict the exact tuitions.
10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15.