

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

Executive Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

1304 Ronzheimer Avenue

St. Charles, IL 60174

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, Administration Building.

Call to Order

Dr. Schlomann, Superintendent D303, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:06 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

None

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, October 7, 2015
- 4.2 Approval of Bills, October, 2015
- 4.3 Approval of Payroll, October, 2015
- 4.4 Approval of the Financial Report, October, 2015
- 4.5 Approval of the Revised Policies
 4. 5. 1. 2:160 Board Attorney
 4. 5. 2. 2:250 Access to Cooperative Public Records
 4. 5. 3. 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 4. 5. 4. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Executive Director
 4. 5. 5. 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
 4. 5. 6. 4:50 Payment Procedures
 4. 5. 7. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 4. 5. 8. 5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace: Tobacco Prohibition
 4. 5. 9. 5:120 Ethics and Conduct
 4. 5. 10. 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
 4. 5. 11. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
 4. 5. 12. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
 4. 5. 13. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 4. 5. 14. 6:140 Education of Homeless Children
 4. 5. 15. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
 4. 5. 16. 7:140 Search and Seizure
 4. 5. 17. 7:310 Restrictions on Publications
 4. 5. 18. 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
 4. 5. 19. 8:80 Gifts to the Cooperative

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

Information

5.1 Student and Staff Enrollment, October, 2015

Dr. Cumblad reported to the Board the Student and Staff enrollment, October, 2015. Enrollment has increased by eight students this past month. Another four students are anticipated to start. New Directions has received referrals from Sycamore and DeKalb. Staffing is as expected.

5.2 Administrative Liaison Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2015

Dr. Cumblad shared the minutes from the Administrative Liaison Meeting on October 26, 2015. Highlights included: combining NIA and Administrative Liaison meetings, professional development and coaching update, ELL students and services, the number of students who will need a high school autism program in the next four years, and 12+ guidelines.

5.3 Report on School Improvement Day activities, October 9, 2015

Dr. Cumblad reported to the Board on the very productive activities by the staff on the most recent School Improvement Day regarding student growth activities.

5.4 IDEA Grant Updates

Nancy Sporer presented the IDEA Grant Update to the Board. A summary of the initial amounts and carryover for the IDEA Flow-through and Preschool federal grants was provided.

5.5 Family Connections

Dr. Cumblad reported that the Family Connections Program has begun. The social workers have worked to create a mentoring program for Mid-Valley families.

5.6 Reminder: Program Withdrawal Notification

Dr. Cumblad reminded the Board that if any of the districts plan to remove students that would potentially eliminate a section or withdraw from a program or service, the district should notify the Executive Director with their preliminary notice by December 1, 2015.

For Discussion

6.1 Unified Calendar Discussion

There was a lengthy discussion about the School Year Calendars for 2016-17. At this time, no calendars are firm for the upcoming school year. Discussion will continue at the December Board meeting.

6.2 ESY Dates

The ESY dates were discussed. Because the 4th of July falls on a Monday and the 5th of July is also a holiday, the Board discussed having ESY for 5 weeks with the exception of those two holidays. The Board has asked for additional information to review at the December Board meeting.

6.3 High School Programming for Students with Autism

Dr. Cumblad shared a chart showing current enrollment and projected number of students with autism that will be entering high school over the next four years. Discussion included available space in middle schools and high schools, and tuition costs verses private placement.

For Action

7.1 Approval of the Personnel Report, October, 2015

Dr. Stirn motioned, seconded by Dr. Hichens for Approval of the Personnel Report, October, 2015. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.2 Approval of the Audit Report

Dr. Mutchler motioned, seconded by Dr. Stirn for Approval of the Audit Report. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Chair of the Mid-Valley Board