

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2021

8:30 A.M. NPT Office

CALL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 8:30 am

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with three board members present. Board members in attendance were Jason Bauer, Dr. Scott Doerr and Dr. Chris Dougherty. Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, and NPT Business Manager, Deanna Tarter.

Others in attendance include: Trisha Marburger and Jen Donnelly.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

There was no public comment.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE October 26, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Dr. Dougherty questioned what services Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk & Miller were. Mr. Bauer responded that they are NPT's firm that handles any legal issues or questions on behalf of NPT. Mrs. Suey added that this bill is for professional development for RTI and there was a bill in August for professional development for updates on special education laws. Dr. Dougherty asked who covered the professional development and Mrs. Suey responded with Brandon Wright. There were no other questions asked.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Bauer to approve the October 26, 2021 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Dougherty- YEA. Motion passed.

The consent agenda included Minutes for September 28, 2021 Board Meeting, Bills/Treasurer's Report and approve the second reading of the following board policies:

- A. 1:10 Cooperative Legal Status
- B. 1:30 Cooperative Philosophy
- C. 2:10 Cooperative Governance
- D. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board; Indemnification
- E. 2:130 Board-Executive Director Relationship
- F. 2:240 Board Policy Development
- G. 3:30 Chain of Command
- H. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- I. 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- J. 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- K. 6:145 Migrant Students
- L. 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- M. 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies

- N. 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- O. 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- P. 8:90 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly FACeS Update

Mrs. Suey introduced Bri Bullard, who presented an update on what has been happening in the FACeS program this quarter. Mrs. Suey stated that there have been some exciting events and noted that Mrs. Bullard has been working really hard helping with the new curriculum.

Mrs. Bri Bullard began her presentation discussing the new curriculum that was purchased through Teachtown. The first program is EnCore for Grades K-5. It is academic based, made of units that focus on a literary piece. The first unit was on Peter Rabbit. They have leveled books that are modified for our students. The three levels are level 1 is more of a participatory level which is mainly pictures, level 2 has pictures and words, and level 3 has fewer pictures and more words. There are computer based interactive lessons that can be done on smart boards on interactive panels, which Taylorville now has in their classrooms. EnCore Middle School is for Grades 6-8. It is also academic based, leveled to meet our student's needs, has units based on a literary piece and computer-based interactive lessons and manipulative lessons. These two programs are great because they have data collections that can be used in IEP and progress reports. The third program is Transition to Adulthood, which promotes independence, employability, and community access. It also targets personal, home, vocational, community and leisure skills at the student's level. For example, applying sunscreen. It has identification lessons and then works on sequencing on what step comes first and so on. It also provides a task analysis for data collection.

The Elementary class had a special visitor of a rabbit brought in after they completed their unit on Peter Rabbit. The Jr. High has been taking weekly Kroger trips to do some shopping and cooking with the items they have purchased. Some things they have made are banana splits, rice krispie treats, root beer floats, fries, and cinnamon rolls. The High School class is currently working on shirt sales. They are helping with the vinyl and helping to use the heat press with supervision. We also had our first ever FACeS Family Night at Pana Jr. High where we watched Monsters Inc. With Family Nights we hope to provide an opportunity for the FACeS students and parents to come together outside of school and have time to get extra socialization. We had one family, but Bri mentioned that she didn't even think about football Friday and hopes these events only continue to grow. We would also like to hold events in both Nokomis and Taylorville as well. On Friday, October 22nd we were able to take 20 of the FACeS students from each classroom along with the teachers, aides, Mrs. Bullard, and Mrs. Suey on a field trip to the Big M Pumpkin Patch. They got to go on a hayride, pick out their own pumpkin, and even got to go down the slide. They had such a great time! Each superintendent commented on how Bri was doing a good job with the FACeS program.

Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

Director's Report

Mrs. Suey gave an update on the NPT After Hours program, which is our monthly after school program for the entire family from 5:00-7:00pm. For the event held on October 12th we did have more families attend, which was exciting. The topic covered was "Parenting and Advocating for Your Child With a Disability". The next After Hours will be held on November 9th and the topic will be "Supporting Your Child's Emotional Well Being" presented by NPT Social Workers. We are hopeful it will continue to grow. Mrs. Suey shared how a student came to our first event in September and cried so much he made himself sick, but when he came to the event this month he was happy to be there and transitioned well. We are happy to provide this extra socialization for these students and parents.

NPT's PD with a Purpose event this month from 3:30-4:00pm was on October 25th over "Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities" presented by Lauren Assalley, NPT school psychologist. She shared what a learning disability is, what it looks like, and how you can accommodate for a disability in the classroom.

Mrs. Suey thanked Bri for her FACeS Update and thanked her for doing a great job. Included in the superintendent's packets is a flyer for the next NPT After Hours event. Mrs. Suey also provided Nokomis and Pana with updated Caseload numbers, number of TCT's and if there have been any dismissals for their respective districts. Mrs. Suey stated that she does not have access to Taylorville's information so that is why she could not provide this information to Taylorville.

There were no additional questions for Mrs. Suey

Business Manager Report

Dee apologized for the delay in billing for FACeS for the 2nd quarter to Pana and Nokomis due to her being quarantined. We were sent a list of aides that are in the FACeS classrooms from Taylorville, however after some followup, Dee was billing for an aide that was pulled from Faces in the beginning of the school year to serve another class. We have also confirmed the students that are attending the program. There are 29 students, 5 Nokomis students, 6 Pana students, and 18 Taylorville students. Dee will revise billing with the correct students and staff as soon as possible and send the invoices for October, November and December.

Dee also discussed due to changes in laws that have been passed there has been procedure changes with Medicaid billing, fee for service. We are currently working with our provider, Go Solutions, to implement these changes. She discussed that the decision was made that since the cooperatives pay the employee, they should claim that employee on their staff pool list. There were many reasons for this change but the main ones were that cooperatives have the actual salary and benefit information to report and the employee would then only be on a single list instead of 3 lists for some of our employees, which reduces the potential error of claiming more than 100% for that employee. With this, NPT now has to set up our own account with Go Solutions and the Social Workers, SLPs, and Physical Therapist Assistant will have to bill under NPT's account instead of the member district's account. As she continues to get more information, Dee will pass it along, but she wanted to mention this change because it will affect

the billing structure with us receiving medicaid monies. There were no additional questions for Dee.

Mr. Bauer commented that there was a report from the Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist in our board packet as well and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the report. There were none.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 8:52 a.m.

Dr. Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary