

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative
Executive Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
1304 Ronzheimer Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, Administration Building.

Call to Order

Dr. Schlomann, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

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

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. Stirn moved and Dr. Mutchler seconded the motion. Approval of the Agenda was confirmed by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, March 26, 2014
- 4.2 Approval of Closed Session Minutes, March 26, 2014
- 4.3 Approval of Minutes, Board Workshop March, 26, 2014
- 4.4 Approval of Bills, April 2014
- 4.5 Approval of Payroll, April 2014
- 4.6 Financial Report, April, 2014

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 roll call vote.

Information

- 5.1 Student and Staff Enrollment, April, 2014**
Dr. Cumblad shared the student enrollment with the Board. Projections included the K-4 New Directions Program classes to be full at the beginning of the FY2014-15. With the closing of the CLASS program this will not allow room for new referrals. The staffing is where it is expected to be.
- 5.2 Administrative Liaison Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2014**
Dr. Cumblad shared the minutes of the liaison meeting on March 24, 2014. Discussion included Early Childhood, group sharing and follow-up from the last meeting. Also included was conversation regarding the recent IAASE meeting and the impact the senate bill will have on Special Education claims and reimbursements.
- 5.3 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2014**
Nancy Sporer shared the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on April 17, 2014. Highlights included a recommendation for IDEA allocations, an ALOP update, adjusted program budgets, and additional discussion regarding heating and cooling repairs at Mades Johnstone. Due to several unconfirmed students for the FY2014-15 school year, confirmed and unconfirmed tuition estimates were presented.
- 5.4 Attorney General Response/Complaint**
Dr. Cumblad shared with the Board that two responses have been received from the Attorney General regarding complaints filed by Patti Lopuszanski. The first response dated April 14, 2014 found no substantiation of Ms. Lopuszanski's allegation that there was an Open Meetings Act violation at a special Board meeting on September, 6, 2013. The second response dated May 2, 2014 found that there was no substantiation of Ms. Lopuszanski's allegation that responsive documents were not provided via the FOIA process.
- 5.5 Safe Schools Update**
Paige McNulty shared information with each Board member regarding the progress of their students attending the Safe Schools Program. Concerns regarding the on-line learning system and its impact on early graduation were discussed.
- 5.6 Professional Development Report and Plan, 2014-15**
Natalie Assell presented the Professional Development Overview for FY2014-15 to the Board. Training will be similar to the past with emphasis on autism, assessment, and behavior.
- 5.7 Program Locations, 2014-15**
Dr. Cumblad shared information with the Board regarding program locations for the FY2014-15. Discussion included a new classroom added at Western Avenue for the New Pathways Program, closing the CLASS program, and adding a new sections to the SAIL/12+ Programs at the St. Charles Library and a location to be determined in Batavia. Dr. Cumblad noted that there is some uncertainty about the locations for the WCC program and the case management program.
- 5.8 Summer Hours**
Dr. Cumblad shared with the Board the summer hours for Mid-Valley will be Monday-Thursday, June 20 – August 1, 2014, from 7:00-4:30.
- 5.9 Reminder of Administrator Academy: Avoiding Due Process**
Dr. Cumblad reminded the Board of the Administrator Academy: Avoiding Due Process on June 12th at the ROE .
- 5.10 Spring Recognition Dates**
Dr. Cumblad reminded the Board of the upcoming Spring Recognition dates.

For Discussion

6.1 IDEA Allocation

Nancy Sporer addressed the Board regarding the IDEA Allocation. It was decided that the technical assistants would be added back into the IDEA Allocations for the FY2014-15 along with other professional development activities.

6.2 Updated Capital Improvement Plan

Nancy Sporer presented the Updated Capital Improvement Plan to the Board. Discussion included the replacement of the HVAC system for the Mades Johnstone multipurpose room. The roof will be inspected along with the other D303 buildings and a report will be available for Board consideration at a later date.

6.3 Update on Case Management/Twelve+ Programming Option

Dr. Cumblad share information regarding the Case Management/Twelve+ Program. Location options include the St. Charles Library for the ECC students. A location is still to be determined for the WCC students.

6.4 Board Elections

Board Elections were conducted. Chair: Dr. Schlomann; Vice-Chair: Dr. Schuler; Secretary; Dr. Muchler.

6.5 Interagency Agreement, St. Charles Park District After-School Programing

Paige McNulty presented the Board with a proposal for an interagency agreement with the St. Charles Park District to provide after school care at Mades Johnstone for the New Directions elementary students. The program will be part of Baker Station.

For Action

7.1 Approval of the Personnel Report, April, 2014 – Amended to include Approval of Administrator Contracts.

Dr. Mutchler motioned and Dr. Stirn seconded to approve the Personnel Report, April, 2014 amended to include approval of Administrator Contracts. Motion passed with unanimous roll call vote.

7.2 Approval of the FY15 Tentative Budget

Dr. Stirn motioned, seconded by Dr. Hichens for Approval of FY15 Tentative Budget. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote

Adjourn to Closed Session

- 1) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)*

Motion to move to Closed Session: Motion was made by Dr. Hichens and seconded by Dr. Stirn at 10:29 a.m.

Closed Session

Dr. Schuler called for a motion to return to Open Session.

Return to Open Session

Open Session began at 10:40. Motion made by Dr. Mutchler and seconded by Dr. Stirn. By consensus the motion carried 5-0 Ayes.

Action Possible

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Dr. Mutchler and seconded by Dr. Hichens. By consensus the motion carried 5-0 Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Chair of the Mid-Valley Board