

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2024

9:00 A.M. NPT Office

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL at 9:00 am

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with three board members present. Board members in attendance were Mr. Jason Bauer, Dr. Scott Doerr and Mr. Kenneth Schwengel. Also present was NPT Director, Kelly Suey, Program Coordinator/Transition Specialist and Sabrina Jones.

Others in attendance: Joni Fleigle

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE March 19, 2024 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Financial reports were presented.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Schwengel to approve the March 19, 2024 consent agenda as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Schwengel- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

The consent agenda included Regular Minutes from February 20, 2024 Executive Board meeting, Bills/Treasurer's Report for March.

Personnel

- A. Approve Hire of Lauren Evans, paraprofessional, 2/20/24 for the Elementary FACeS Classroom (Start Date 4/2/24)
- B. Approve transfer of Lauren Evans, paraprofessional, from the Elementary FACeS Classroom to the High School FACeS classroom
- C. Approve Hire of Valerie Gartshore, paraprofessional, 2/21/2024 for the Elementary FACeS Classroom (Start Date 3/5/24)
- D. Approve Resignation of Valerie Gartshore, paraprofessional, 3/11/24.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Schwengel to approve the second reading of Board Policy updates as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Schwengel - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Posting for Extended School Year Positions and Workforce Positions

The following positions are needed to be posted for Extended School Year (ESY): 2 certified teachers, 3 paraprofessionals, 1 PTA and 1 SLP. Workforce will need 2 paraprofessionals. All costs will be covered under the ESSER III grant.

Motion by Schwengel, seconded by Doerr to approve the postings for Extended School Year and Workforce as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Schwengel- YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

Discuss Tentative FY24 Amended Budget

Budget Sheet/information was provided and discussed. The Amended Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 8:45am.

Open Discussion

Mr. Bauer discussed how the NPT board meetings may need to be moved when others can attend. He suggested a 4pm start time.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Kelly Suey to accept an offer from SIU-C to obtain her ABA/BCBA certification.

Mrs. Suey completed the interview process with SIU-C and has been officially accepted into their graduate school for their ABA therapy (BCBA certification) program. She has to accept their offer before the end of the month. She is asking the board to pay 100% of the cost associated with the program.

Motion by Doerr, seconded by Schwengel to approve Kelly Suey to accept the and offer from SIU-C to obtain a ABA/BCBA certification as presented. Bauer - YEA, Doerr - YEA, Schwengel - YEA. Motion passes 3-0.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The book study "Balance Like a Pirate" is continuing with a meeting on Thursday, March 21 from 3:30-4:00. Mrs. Suey provided Case Load Totals and TCT numbers for each district.

DLM Window opened up March 13th and will remain open until May 8. Pana has 10 students, Nokomis has 6 students, and Taylorville has 12 students. Mrs. Suey closely monitors the students who are signed up for the DLM assessment. All of the students that are signed up for this assessment qualify, according to ISBE's standards, even though we continually exceed the 1% CAP.

The transition with Joni into the NPT Office is running smoothly and Mrs. Suey is excited for the assistance and additional support that she will provide. Mrs. Suey is beginning to plan some PD for next school year. She would like to have Brandon Wright come in August before the students start and have NPT staff, as well as member district administrators attend a PD on disciplining students with identified disabilities (IEP's and 504s). Mrs. Suey thinks this would be a very timely PD opportunity for everyone. She will be reaching out to each superintendent to try and determine a mutual date that would be available. There were no questions for Mrs. Suey.

Program Coordinator/Transaction Report

As Program Coordinator, Mrs. Jones has been reviewing IEP's, attending IEP meetings, scheduling 4th quarter Special Ed Team Meetings, helping organize Special Ed P/SAT testing and accommodations, and starting Special Ed Master Schedules for 2024-25. She has attended Women in Leadership Conference and Gerry Brooks presentation in Litchfield. As Transition Specialist, Mrs. Jones has 19 outcomes and is serving 62 students. There are 6 students who are expected outcomes by the end of the contract and 10 referring students at this time. The STEP contract is written currently for 20 outcomes while serving 50 students. The Monthly Lessons have been Senior Summary of Performance, FAFSA, and college / job applications. The Annual NPT Senior Conference was a success! 30 IEP Seniors attended and had 5 community volunteers. Topics covered were Welcome to the Real World & Simulation, Understanding Your Paycheck and Tax Deductions, Job Interviews with Mock Interviews, Basic First Aid and Prom Rental. There were no questions for Mrs. Jones.

CLOSED SESSION

No need for a closed session

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 9:16 a.m.

Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Schwengel seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Jason Bauer, President

Dr. Scott Doerr, Secretary