

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:08 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Skertich

Mr. Begando (Rep for WR-Hartford)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried.

FINANACIAL

Mr. Skertich moved to approve the Treasurer's Bond as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ponce discussed the details of the Union negotiations with the Region III Special Education Association IEA/NEA. Ms. Penrod stated that this will be a two year agreement with certified staff receiving a soft salary freeze for the 13-14 school year, a 1% increase for the 14-15 school year. Non-Certified staff will receive a 2.5% plus step for the 13-14 school year and a 1% increase for the 14-15 school year. Board portion of the Health insurance would increase to \$470.00 per month for the 13-14 school year and increase to \$490.00 per month for the 14-15 school year. Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the 13-14, 14-15 Union contract as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-1 (Southwestern, no vote). Motion carried.

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PERSONNEL

Mr. Skertich moved to go into Closed Session at 9:20 a.m. Mrs. Kreuztrager seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried. Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to come out of Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve a 3% salary increase and \$470.00 per month for Health Insurance for Chris Heffner and Kathy Sales for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-1 (Southwestern, no vote). Motion carried.

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to re-employ staff as presented. Mr. Stegall seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried. The re-employed staff included:

- Bussman, Alyssa, Teacher, Eastwood Elementary
- Hood, Kimberly, Teacher, Journey's Program
- Lutz, Sarah, Teacher, Bethalto East Elementary
- Pflieger, Lacy, Teacher, Bethalto East Elementary
- Sabaini, Keely, ABA, Region III Programs
- Williams, Sherri, Teacher, Eastwood Elementary
- Jones, Dee, ABA Tech, Journey's
- Keck, Chris, ABA Tech, Journey's
- Militzer, Paul, ABA Tech, Journey's
- Williams, Chelsea, Teacher Asst., Eastwood Elementary.

Mr. Skertich moved the employment of new staff for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0. New staff includes:

- Varner, Mike, Teacher, Journey's
- Wegrzyn, Amanda, Social Worker, Part time
- Nicholas, Kevin, ABA Tech, Journey's
- Krueger, Michelle, ABA Tech, Journey's

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Skertich moved to keep the Closed Session Minutes closed. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0.

Mr. Begando moved to approve the 2013-2014 Board Meeting dates as presented with the exception of changing the December 24, 2013 meeting to December 17, 2013, also changing the start time to 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. for all meetings. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0.

The Governing Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 30, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Skertich moved to accept the retirement letter of Mrs. Ponce effective June 30, 2017. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0.

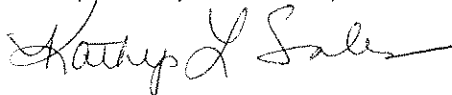
ADJOURNEMENT

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Mr. Stegall seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0.

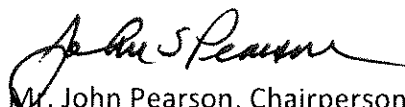
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 3:58 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Moore

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Skertich

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Dr. Anderson

RECOGNITION OF

VISITORS

Mrs. Ponce introduced Barb Brenner, Vice-President of the Region III Special Education Association IEA/NEA and Ms. Karen Maserio.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Moore moved to go into Closed Session at 3:59 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried. Mr. Skertich moved to come out of Closed Session at 4:11 p.m. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Resolution Dismissing Unqualified Education Support Personnel Employee from Region III Special Education Cooperative, Karen Maserio. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

September 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pearson, at 9:18 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Moore

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Kreutztrager

Mrs. Hopkins

Dr. Anderson

Mr. Skertich

FINANCIAL

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2013-2014 Region III Special Education Cooperative budget. Mrs. Ponce explained the budget. There were no public present. There were no questions or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:31 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Skertich

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

FINANACIAL

Mrs. Hopkins moved to approve the Region III Special Education Cooperative 13-14 Budget as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ponce discussed the FY 2014 funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services report. Ms. Ponce also reminded the Members to complete their IWAS Authorization. Instructions were included in their packet.

Mr. Skertich moved to approve the Administrators and Teacher Salary Report as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0

PERSONNEL

Mr. Moore moved to approve the retirement letters of Mrs. Mary Pearson, Ms. Audrey Englehardt and Mrs. Sheila Severs as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce reminded the Board about the Governing Board Meeting, Monday, September 30, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Julia's Banquet Center.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hopkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.
Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members
Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be
held, Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III
office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

September 30, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pearson, Chairperson, at 6:12 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Singleton, Bethalto #8

Mr. Moore, East Alton #13

Mr. Beiermann, Bethalto #8

Mr. Peterson, East Alton #13

Mr. John Pearson, EA/HS #14

Mr. McCoy, EA/WR HS #14

Mrs. Hopkins, Jersey #100

Mr. Kary, Jersey #100

Mrs. Kreuztrager, Roxana #1

Mr. Smith, Roxana #1

Mr. Skertich, Southwestern #9

Mr. Little, Southwestern #9

Dr. Anderson, WR-Hartford #15

Ms. Harding, WR-Hartford #15

MINUTES/ACTIONS

Mr. Beiermann moved to approve the July 2012 to May 2013 minutes and past action for the Region III Special Education Executive Board. Mr. Kary seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

BUDGET

Ms. Ponce presented the 2013-2014 Region III Special Education Budget. Ms. Ponce explained in detail the three parts of the Budget: Flowthrough, Administrative and Tuition. Mr. Kary moved to approve the 2013-2014 Region III Special Education Budget as presented. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kary moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Mr. Beiermann seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

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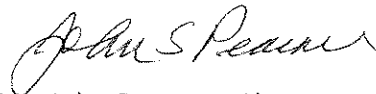
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for Region III Governing Board will be held in September 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:07 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Dr. Anderson

Mr. Moore (arrived 9:25)

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Skertich

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Sketrich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OR VISTORS

Mrs. Ponce introduced Mr. Dennis Rose, Region III Auditor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANACIAL

Mr. Rose presented the audit report for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Rose stated that there is a clean opinion for the Region III financial records. He also stated that the financial records are in excellent condition and there were no problems with internal procedures.

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to accept the Audit report as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the employment of Tiffany Malley, ABA Tech, Journey's Program and Timothy Clark, ABA Tech, CLIP Program, Eastwood Elementary as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce stated that with her retirement in June of 2017 it is time to take a look at a three year plan for the Region III Cooperative. Currently, there are many positives, pro-district things in place in that Region III is decentralized. Mrs. Ponce stated that the benefits of the co-op are to provide the support of the IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool Grants for the Member Districts, the employment of a full

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time Special Education Director, Bookkeeper, and Secretarial services. Also, Region III currently pays for and supervises the IEP, RTI and Medicaid software. Region also serves district students who intense needs cannot be met in the student's home district. Another responsibility for Region is that is provides all related services. Those services include: Occupational, Physical Therapy, Vision Itinerants (Orientation and Mobility), Deaf and Hard of Hearing Itinerants and Audiology Services (Hearing evaluation and FM services).

The Member Districts need to define current services and possibly redefine the cooperative with the continued focus on meeting the district's needs. Mr. Stegall suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look and analysis the services that are need. The Board agreed that Mrs. Ponce would provide additional information concerning what Region III provides and what services are currently available in the districts.

Mrs. Ponce announced that Region III will be providing a Parent Program to begin in the next few weeks. Mrs. Ponce state that the Edgenuity software would be utilized to provide credit recovery for these students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skertich moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

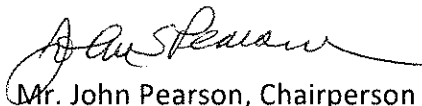
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, November 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 26, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:10 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Pearson

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Moore

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Dr. Anderson

Mr. Skertich

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the employment of Kari Kanallakan, ABA Tech, CLIP Program, Kristen Haider, Audiologist and Haley Hyden, ABA Tech, CLIP Program as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce stated that the information gathered from the Coordinators reflected that most district classroom are push-in, co-taught and resource classrooms. Most districts do not maintain self-contained classrooms. Mrs. Ponce stated that Region III services the students that cannot be served in district. Mr. Skertich stated that he would like a snap shot of the programs that each district currently provides. Mr. Skertich stated that he would like to see a partnership between the districts to share services especially transportation. One of the concerns is the desire to maintain services in a collaborated model between the current districts. Mrs. Kreuztrager stated that Roxana School District will be presenting their letter of withdraw from the Region III Special Education Cooperative at the February Executive Board Meeting.

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Mr. Pearson stated that he felt that the Board needed to examine the reason why the Cooperative was formed in the beginning before a decision was made to disband.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skertich moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2013

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 10:02 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager (left 11:14)

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Kreuztrager moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Stegall seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 7-0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

Mr. Moore moved to accept the resignation of Haley Hyden, ABA Tech, Bethalto East as presented. Mr. Stegall seconded. Motion carried with Member Voting, Aye-7, Nay-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

THREE YEAR PLAN

Mrs. Ponce discussed the requested data that reflects all special education services within all the seven districts. Included in the data were also the numbers of district placements within the Region III programs. Also, the data indicates the number of services that were provided by related services such as OT/PT, Vision, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This information provides current services in all member districts.

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Mrs. Kreuztrager stated that after researching the Articles of Agreement, that the Roxana School District will be presenting their notice to withdrawn from the Region III Special Education Cooperative. Mrs. Kreuztrager presented their plan/timeline for withdraw. Mrs. Kreuztrager stated that the Roxana School District has been working with Boyd Ferguson from the Illinois State Board of Education.

There was much discussion about continuing to maintain the cooperative but look at all options. Mrs. Ponce would investigate ways to reduce the Administrative fee to belong to Region III. It was the consensus of the board to do a self-evaluation to determine and define what the Region's purpose is to the member districts. The districts will invite pertinent personnel to the January 28th Region III Executive Board meeting. Mrs. Ponce would also invite Mr. Boyd Ferguson, of ISBE to attend the January meeting to listen to district concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper


Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:05 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager (left 10:00)

Mr. Skertich (left 10:28)

Not Present

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISTORS

Ms. Ponce introduced Mr. Boyd Ferguson from the Illinois State Board of Education. Introductions were also made of the following District Coordinators and Business Managers:

- Mr. Lavon Singleton, Business Manager, Bethalto CUSD #8
- Ms. DeAnna Kemp, Coordinator, Bethalto CUSD #8
- Ms. Emily Warnecke, Coordinator, East Alton CUSD #13
- Ms. Patty Scott, Coordinator, EA/WR HS CUSD #14
- Ms. Mary Schell, Business Manager, Jersey CUSD #100
- Mr. Chip Fabry, Coordinator, Jersey CUSD #100
- Ms. Stephanie Renken, Coordinator, Southwestern CUSD #9
- Ms. Laura Ballard, Coordinator, Roxana CUSD #1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Ms. Ponce presented a power point presentation on the Region III Needs Assessment. Ms. Ponce stated that

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Region III is currently a decentralized cooperative. It was designed for optimal district autonomy, the Region III Board drives the decision making and that Region III maintains fiscally responsible programs to respond to the changing needs of students. Region III has the ability to coordinate flexible assignments of personnel such as a fraction of an FTE and short term leaves. Region III is able to maximize personnel to avoid duplication of services.

Ms. Ponce stated that Region III currently has innovative programs such as Transition, ABA, Journey's (BD), ConnectED After School LEND Grant. The Journey's program has gained national attention from the scientific community about student outcomes. The Region III Transition Program for the 18 to 22 years old population works with PUNS funding and employment support, and higher education opportunity through Lewis & Clark Community College. The ABA Programs has also gained attention concerning the autistic and behavior disorder population. Ms. Ponce stated that Region III is providing a strong continuum of services.

Ms. Ponce discussed in detail the related services (ot/pt) billing. Ms. Ponce stated that the certified OT and PT are contracted for \$52.00 per hour and the COTA and PTA (assistants) are bound by the Region III Union contract. Ms. Ponce stated that she will be looking at revamping the current billing process.

Ms. Ponce stated that she will assist any district to bring back their students to their home district and to analyze the students that are currently placed in private day programs. Ms. Ponce also stated that the assessment fee may be redesigned based on board direction. Discussion was held on ways the district can work together on transportation issues.

Ms. Ponce also so explained the IDEA Grant Inservice requirement.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Stegall moved to go into Closed Session at 9:49 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried. Mr. Moore moved to come out of Closed Session at 10:25 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Ponce reminded the board about the Administrators Inservice with Teri Engler, Attorney. Thursday, February 6, 2014. Ms. Engler will be presenting on Legal Updates in Special Education Law. Also, Ms. Engler will be meeting with the Special Education Secretaries, Nurses, Social Workers and Psychologist.

Ms. Ponce explained the "ConnectED" after school program that Region III is sponsoring. This program provides an additional 3 hours of services to students at no cost to the districts.

Ms. Ponce presented a thank you note that she received from Senator Sam McCan concerning the Journey's program. Senator McCan will be presenting a legislative inservice to the student at a later date. Also, provided was a new paper article about the Journeys program.

Mr. Pearson moved to keep the Closed Session minutes closed. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

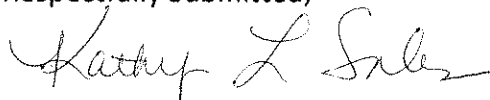
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

March 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pearson, at 8:47 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson

FINANACIAL

In pursuant to Section 24-12 of the School Code which requires that whenever the number of honorable dismissal notice based upon economic necessity exceeds 5, or 150% of the average number of teachers honorably dismissed in the preceding 3 years, whichever is more, then a public hearing on the question of dismissal shall be held.

There were no public present. There were no questions or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hopkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 a.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:01 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Moore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Ms. Ponce stated that she had met with most Superintendents, and/or Bookkeepers regarding the Region III Tuition Bills. Ms. Ponce stated that Region III will be changing the billing practices beginning with the 2014-15 school year. Certified Occupational and Physical Therapist will be billed monthly and hourly, the non-certified Assistants will be billed mid-year with exact cost verse budget cost.

Discussed was held on options for the Administrative Billing. Ms. Ponce will bring back ideas to the Board at the April meeting.

PERONNEL

Mrs. Hopkins moved to approve the employment of staff as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members voting, Aye-6, Nay-0. The new employees are listed below:

- Brianne Abellano, DHH Itinerant
- Brandy McCoy, Interpreter
- Amanda Bowling, Behavior Tech, BD Program
- Natalie Roy, Behavior Tech, BD Program
- Brian Egan, Behavior Tech, CLIP Program

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Mr. Moore moved to approve the Resolution Dismissing First, Second, and/or Third Year Probationary Teachers as presented. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hopkins moved to approve the Resolution Honorably Dismissing Education Support Personnel as presented. Mr. Stegall seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Ponce brought the Board up to date on a pending Workman's Compensation claim.

Ms. Ponce informed the Board that the Region III union has opted out of the Egyptian Trust Health Plan. The new health plan provider will be Coventry Health and Guardian through Clark-Weigand Financial Services.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Skertich moved to go into Closed Session at 9:44 a.m. Mr. Stegall seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried. Mr. Skertich moved to come out of Closed Session at 10:05 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The April Executive Board meeting will be changed from April 22nd to April 29th.


ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hopkins moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

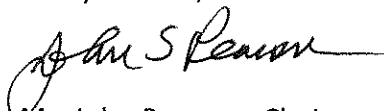
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 29, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:12 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Pearson

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Hopkins

Mr. Moore

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Skertich moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Kreuztrager seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Ponce stated she has followed up with the Coordinators concerning the Tuition billing, IDEA Grant process and the Related Services.

Mrs. Hopkins moved to approve to submit Grant Application for Federal Funds for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

Mrs. Hopkins moved to approve the authorization to prepare the 2014-2015 Region III Special Education Cooperative Budget. Mrs. Kreuztrager seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

Mrs. Ponce presented several scenarios concerning the Region III Administrative Fee for the next three years. Mrs. Ponce stated that the Administrative Fee for the 2014-2015 process will remain the same. The impact would come starting in the 2015-2016 school year and beyond. Discussion was held.

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Mrs. Ponce stated that Region III will continue to provide related services to outside districts with an administrative fee included in their tuition. This process will allow Region III to employ full time VI, HI and other related service staff personnel.

PERSONNEL

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Skertich moved to go into Closed Session at 9:55 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried. Mr. Skertich moved to come out of Closed Session at 10:04 a.m. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Skertich moved to approve a 2.5% salary increase for the Region III Administrative Staff for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce stated that the Journey's graduation will be held May 9, 2014. There are 5 students that will graduate, four of those will attend Lewis and Clark Community College and one will enroll in the Army.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hopkins move to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 27, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:17 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Moore

Mr. Stegall

Dr. Pearson

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Skertich

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Skertich moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Kreuztrager seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF

VISITORS

Mrs. Ponce introduced Rita Haynes. Mrs. Haynes is a concerned Grandparent from the East Elementary School District. She shared her concerns about her blind Grandson. Mrs. Ponce and Mrs. Haynes met after the Executive Meeting to discuss her concerns in detail.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Ponce confirmed with the Members that their District Board has passed the Resolution Agreeing to the Withdrawal of the Roxana Community Unit School District from Participation in the Region III Special Education Cooperative.

A Medicaid Direct Service report was provided to the Members concerning their direct service claims for their districts. The service providers have one year from date of service to file their claims with Health and Family Services. Mrs. Ponce stated that Administrative Outreach (time studies) is now controlled by Fairbanks LLC.

May 27, 2014

Mrs. Ponce stated that Region III will have the same number of classrooms for the 2014-2015 school year. There will be four BD classrooms located at Eastwood Elementary, one Autism room, two classrooms at Bethalto East Elementary, two at EA/WR High School and one BD classroom at Trimpe Middle School. Journeys will begin the 2014-15 school year with four classroom, but anticipation is that by midyear a five classroom will be needed. Mrs. Ponce stated that the tuition programs as strong and doing well.

Mrs. Ponce informed the Board that Karen Hatch the current contracted Physical Therapist has accepted a position with the Granite City School District. Mrs. Ponce stated that Mrs. Hatch always did a outstanding job and will be missed.

Mrs. Ponce also informed the Board that the Parent Program will be housed at the Region III office for the 2014-2015 school year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce stated that there were five graduates from the Journeys program. Four of those students have enrolled at Lewis and Clark Community College and one of the students have enlisted in the Military. Journeys staff will stay in contact with those students to offer support.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Hopkins move to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

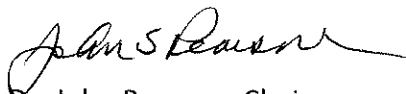
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 9:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Dr. John Pearson, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Dr. John Pearson, Chairperson, at 9:10 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mr. Stegall

Mr. Moore

Mr. Pearson

Mr. Skertich

Not Present

Dr. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreutztrager

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Stegall moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mr. Skertich moved to approve the Prevailing Wage Rate as presented. Mr. Stegall seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

Mrs. Ponce informed the Board that the Region III Workers' Compensation Insurance will be assigned to the risk pool due to a large claim. Discussion was held concerning job descriptions with physical and weight expectation.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Ponce stated that Region III will have an autism classroom at Trimpe Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year. Also, there will be an additional intermediate BD classroom at Eastwood Elementary. Mrs. Ponce stated that the tuition programs are growing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Ponce stated that there will be no Executive Board Meeting in July and that Dr. Lori Hopkins will be the new Chairperson for the 2014-2015 school year.

GOVERNING BOARD

The next Governing Board Meeting will be held, Thursday, September 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Castelli's 255

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Restaurant. This meeting includes the Superintendent and a district Board Member. The Governing Board will need to approve the 2014-2015 Region III Special Education Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skertich move to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.
Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Thursday, August 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Dr. John Pearson, Chairperson