

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lori Hopkins, Chairperson, at 10:00 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall (left 10:40)

Mr. Moore

Dr. Pearson

Dr. Hopkins

Mrs. Kreuztrager (left 10:40)

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson (arrived 10:05)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Stegall moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Pearson seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Ponce discussed the impact of the IDEA Excess Cost requirements to the Districts. Region III will provide the breakdown of the 2% IDEA inservice money that Region III retains for professional development. The challenge will be the separation of the excess cost between K-8 and 9-12 programming for special education students. Mrs. Ponce stated that because Region III is a decentralized cooperative the process will be much easier.

Mrs. Ponce stated that the SB16 is a proposal that aims to overhaul the State's method of funding public school systems. It proposes to roll a variety of current education funding into a single, weighted student funding formula.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Section 125 Plan. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Member Voting, Yes--0. Motion carried.

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PERSONNEL

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the employment of Carson Bailey, LBS1 Teacher and Kathryn Wieckhorst ABA Tech for the Journeys program as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-7-0. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Ponce informed the board that at the November Coordinators meeting Presence in Learning presented the technology of on-line Speech Services. This would help address the increasing needs of speech services to students.

Mrs. Ponce stated that Edwardsville School District has recently placed a student in the Region III ECE program. Mrs. Ponce received a letter of thanks from Edwardsville Assistant Director, in the placement of this student. Region III is also working with other school districts on the Journeys programming expansion.

Mrs. Ponce informed the Board that the Region III Transition program received a "Great Support of Students Award" from the Transition Conference that was recently held in Chicago. This award reflects the recognition of the program for support to students, parents and schools in the delivery of transition for students.

Mrs. Ponce gave an update on the Journeys program. Mrs. Ponce stated that several outside districts have asked for assistance and/or inservice in setting up their own Journeys program. The program has been highlighted in several Behavioral Documents and National Behavioral Conferences.

Mrs. Ponce explained about the 24 Hours ABA Response Team. This team is made up of two Social Workers who work directly with Dr. Dixon. This team comes into the classroom and assists staff in remediation of behavior problems.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Pearson moved to go into Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-7-0. Motion carried. Dr. Pearson moved to come out of Closed Session at 11:13 a.m. Mr. Skertich seconded. Motion carried with Member Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

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ADJOURMENT

Dr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 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, Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Lori Hopkins, Chairperson