

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
June 10, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call: April Haar, proxy for Dr. Lori James-Gross, Dr. Gary Kelly, Mr. Tim O'Leary, Mr. Karl Sweitzer, Mr. John Williams, proxy for Mrs. Linda Meredith and Mr. Steve Sabens. Mr. John DeNosky, Mr. Chris Grode, and Mr. Jim Woodward was absent.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated June 10, 2010. Mr. Sweitzer seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items:
 - Executive Board Minutes dated May 12, 2010
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated May 12, 2010
 - Treasurers' Report dated June 10, 2010
 - Schedule of Bills dated June 10, 2010Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Sabens, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Ms. Haar proxy for Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; and Mr. Williams, proxy for Mrs. Meredith. Motion Carried.
5. Debby Gooden, President of the Tri-County Special Education Association was recognized as a visitor.
6. Mr. Hamilton stated he wanted to remind the districts the 2010-2011 school year will be the first year of full implementation of RTI. He stated Tri-County rated school readiness on implementing RTI and on a scale of 1 to 5. The readiness scale was all over the place and different from building to building within the same district, with the overall rating at about 2.5.
7. Mr. Hamilton presented a Power Point presentation on the Tri-County Budget for 2010-2011. He stated the current budget is showing a \$577,084

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deficit. He showed the reserves for Tri-County continues to decline except for the year 2009 which showed an increase due to receiving 100% of personnel reimbursement and a 12.5% increase in reimbursement: Reserves for 2007-\$2,811,344; 2008-\$2,424,741; 2009-\$2,938,841; 2010-\$1,913,271 and projected reserves of \$1,336,187 at end of 2011. He stated Tri-County submitted a budget of \$10,803,641.00, with monthly expenses of \$900,303.00, two months reserves would be \$1,800,607.00 Tri-County is projecting a shortfall in reserves for 2011 of \$464,470.00. He stated total cuts from the budget already amount to \$660,483. He stated the budget will decrease by 26.39% from 2010. ARRA adjusted decrease is at 8%. He stated why Tri-County has a deficit: \$362,100 cut in personnel reimbursement; \$62,000 Health insurance increase; \$58,000 IMRF employer share increasing by 3%; \$90,625 decrease in Medicaid funding; \$8,000 IDEIA decrease in funding; \$8,811 workers compensation increase (5%); \$185,131 assuming a step only salary increase for a total of \$693,856. He stated Tri-County needs to generate an addition of \$464,470 in cuts or increased revenue to maintain acceptable reserves of two months. He stated he is requesting a \$164,470 increase in district assessments which amounts to a 5% increase. He stated there has been no increase in the past two years and that in fact there was a 50% cut in assessments due to the one time AARA money. After brief discussion the Board advised the Director to prepare a report showing the breakdown by District of the increase in assessments and a list of any additional cuts that could be made and presented at the next board meeting. If revenue streams and/or cost cuts are not implemented, there will be serious cuts in services. You cannot continue at the current levels without money to support the costs. Mr. Hamilton stated the budget will be on display for 30 days for public review and comments.

8. Mr. Hamilton presented a schedule for the Tri-County Executive Board meeting dates for 2010-2011. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Sabens, to approve the Tri-County Executive Board meeting dates for 2010-2011. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
9. Mr. Hamilton presented the Ordinance for Prevailing Rate of Wages for 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Sabens to approve the Prevailing Rate of Wages for 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
10. Mr. Hamilton presented information to support creating an additional Communication Development classroom for next year. He stated there are

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six students from various districts that are going to the Hearing Impaired School at Marion at a cost of \$17,600 per student plus transportation costs to the district. He stated this amounts to over \$105,000 member districts are paying. He stated if Tri-County has the program the cost charged to districts would be roughly \$6500 per student, plus transportation costs. He stated he is looking for approval to create this additional classroom to cut costs for the districts. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens, seconded by Mr. Williams, proxy for Mrs. Meredith to create an additional Communication Development classroom for next school year. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

11. Mr. Hamilton presented a chart showing member Districts enrollment of students in Tri-County programs as of March 31, 2010. He stated Tri-County is servicing 447 students for programs of ED, ECH and TMH.
12. Mr. Hamilton stated Tri-County will be purchasing head lice supplies only for Tri-County classrooms for 2010-2011 school year. He stated if districts want Tri-County to place orders for their head lice supplies they will be billed for 100% of the costs.
13. Mr. Hamilton stated Tri-County has been doing vision and hearing screening for some of the member districts at no charge. He stated that beginning 2010-2011 school year member districts that want these services from Tri-County will be on a reimbursement basis.
14. Mr. Hamilton stated Tri-County is in the process of looking for a Physical Therapist. He stated there is an extremely high demand for this job classification and an extreme low supply. He stated Physical Therapist used to require a Bachelors degree, then a Masters and now it is a Doctorate degree. He stated Tri-County is looking at contracting next year with JAMP Special Education for PT services. He stated Physical Therapy Assistants have to be supervised by a Physical Therapist.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens, seconded by Mr. Sweitzer to enter into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. for purposes to review: to discuss resignations, family medical leaves, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, voluntary transfer; dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

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16. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Sabens to come out of Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
17. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Sweitzer to accept the following resignations: Stevie Bailey, Individual Care Aide effective May 19, 2010, verbal resignation of Erin Karraker, Teacher Aide effective June 1, 2010 and Marla Wright, Teacher Aide effective June 1, 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
18. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Sabens to accept the letter of intent to retire of Diana Oliver , Teacher Aide at Jonesboro effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens, seconded by Mr. Oliver to grant Ashley Fleming, Teacher Aide an unpaid leave of absence for a mandatory retraining of National Guard beginning August 9, 2010 thru August 20, 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer to employ the following personnel :
Johna Atkinson, Teacher Aide for Tri-County Center summer school
Andrew Fruth as an Individual Care Aide on a 90 day probation pending completion of pre employment physical
Ty Moss as an Individual Care Aide at Carbondale High School on a 90 day probation pending completion of pre employment physical
Katherine Ancell as a School Psychologist for the 2010-2011 school year pending completion of pre employment physical.
Mr. Sabens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:
Mr. Sweitzer, aye; Mr. Sabens, aye; Ms. Haar proxy for Dr. James-Gross, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; and Mr. Williams, proxy for Mrs. Meredith. Motion Carried.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens to re-employ the following personnel for 2010-2011 school year:
Allison Dublo as a Social Worker
Cheryl Drue as a Teacher
Orysia Lamport as a Teacher
Amanda Lewis as a Teacher
Janet Selby as a Teacher

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Michelle Wise as a Teacher
Carri Williams as a Teacher
Susan Frease as a Social Worker
Gary Trimble as a Social Worker
Sheri Hargis as a Social Worker
Amanda Davis as a Social Worker

Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. Yea: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

22. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary to approve the following reassignments for the 2010-2011 school year:

Marcey Jackson, Technical Assistance Supervisor to Teacher for the Alternative ED Learning Center at McElvain and to be the Lead Assistant to the Principal with a Stipend of \$500.00

Joan Bishop, Administrative Secretary to a Teacher pending completion of certification from Illinois State Board of Education

Cassie Edmonds, Speech Therapist from Part Time to Full Time beginning the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Sabens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Sabens, aye; Ms. Haar, proxy for Dr. James-Gross, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; and Mr. Williams, proxy for Mrs. Meredith. Motion Carried.

23. A motion was made by Mr. Sabens, to approve the following voluntary transfers:

Anne Eicholzer, Comm. Develop. Teacher at Carruthers to Comm. Develop. At TC Center Education Annex.

Charlotte Pearce, ED Teacher at McElvain to ED Teacher at Ward

Mary Ann Hinchcliff, ED Teacher at McElvain to Choices Teacher at Parrish

Cathy Gude, Teacher Aide for ED Program at McElvain to ED Program at Ward

Darla Hunter, Individual Care Aide for CD program at TC Center to a Individual Care Aide for Choices Program at DuQuoin HS

Carol Dixon, Teacher Aide for ECH program at Parrish to an Individual Care Aide for Choices program at Parrish

Patti Proctor, Teacher Aide for CD program at TC Center to a Teacher Aide for ECH program at Carruthers

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Felissa Peters, Individual Care Aide for CD program at Carruthers to Special Needs program at TC Center

Janet England, Teacher Aide for CD program at Carruthers to CD program at TC Center

Brenda Vestal, Teacher Aide for ECH program at Carruthers to ECH program at GJAL

Kim Walters, Teacher Aide for ED program at McElvain to Choices program at M'Boro HS

Rhonda Roseberry, Teacher Aide for ECH program at GJAL to ECH CD program at TC Center

Tanya Womick, Teacher Aide at Jonesboro ED program to ED program at Choate

Patty Pinnon, Teacher Aide at Jonesboro ED program to ECH program at Jonesboro

Mr. Sweitzer seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

24. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary to approve the following involuntary transfers as program needs:

Rhonda Knapp, ED Teacher for program at Ward, to a Teacher for the Choices program at Carbondale Middle School

Heidi Keller, Teacher Aide ECH CD program at Choate to ED program at TC Center

Barbara Hudson, Teacher Aide for ED program at McElvain to Choices program at Carbondale Middle School

Andrea Barnhart, Teacher Aide ED program at Jonesboro to ECH CD program at Choate

Sharon Shacklee, Teacher Aide ED program at Choate to ED program at Jonesboro

Mr. Sabens seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

25. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Sabens to adjourn the meeting. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

25. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

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