

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
May 12, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Dr. Lori James-Gross, Dr. Gary Kelly, Mr. John DeNosky, Mr. Chris Grode, Mr. Tim O'Leary, Mr. Karl Sweitzer, Mr. John Williams, proxy for Mrs. Linda Meredith and Mr. Jim Woodward. Mr. Steve Sabens arrived after roll call.
3. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated May 12, 2010. Dr. Kelly seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. John DeNosky to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items:
 - Executive Board Minutes dated April 13, 2010
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated April 13, 2010
 - Treasurers' Report dated May 12, 2010
 - Schedule of Bills dated May 12, 2010Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. DeNosky, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Sabens, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; Mr. Woodward and Mr. Williams, proxy for Mrs. Meredith. Motion Carried.
5. Visitors attending the meeting were: DiAnna Kemp, Technical Assistance Supervisor; Carolyn Reed, Technical Assistance Supervisor; Kim Williams, Technical Assistance Supervisor; Melissa Lingle, Technical Assistance Supervisor; Steve Bookstaver, Program Coordinator; Phil Sandbach, Program Coordinator; Donna Fager, Business Manager for Tri-County; Dana Eblin, Technical Assistance Supervisor; Chuck Goforth, Principal of Carbondale Middle School; Jerrah Henson, Director of Special Programs for Carbondale Elementary District; and Allen Lanter, Representative of Tri-County Special Education Association.

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6. Mr. Hamilton presented a listing of member Districts resolutions received for amendment of the Tri-County Special Education Joint Agreement to reflect the new ISBE requirements. He stated 19 of the 20 districts have passed resolutions authorizing the amendment of the Joint Agreement.
7. Mr. Hamilton reported the concept to occupy the Eurma Hayes Center has been benched. He stated Murphysboro School Districts has offered a 50% reduction in building rent for McElvain.
8. Mr. Hamilton stated Murphysboro school district has offered a 50% reduction in building rent to continue to house the Tri-County ED classrooms at McElvain. He stated for budget purposes the rent will be decreased by \$50,000 and utilities would decrease by \$15,000. This would appear to make it possible to keep classrooms at McElvain next school year.
9. Mr. Hamilton stated Summer School for the Choate Orphanage Program will be June 21, 2010 thru July 30, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Woodward and seconded by Mr. Sweitzer to approve the summer school dates for the Choate Orphanage Program. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
10. Mr. Hamilton stated Summer School for the Tri-County Center will be June 16, 2010 thru July 1, 2010 and July 6, 2010 thru July 22, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Mr. Woodward to approve the summer school dates for the Tri-County Center program. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
11. Mr. Hamilton presented the amended calendar for the Tri-County Special Education for 2009-2010. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary; seconded by Dr. Kelly to approve Tri-County Special Education amended calendar for 2009-2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
12. Mr. Hamilton presented the proposed calendar for Tri-County Special Education for 2010-2011. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Dr. Kelly to approve the proposed calendar for Tri-County Special Education for the school year 2010-2011. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

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13. Mr. Hamilton presented a chart showing the AimsWeb district purchases for 2009-2010. He stated when Tri-County presented the AimsWeb program to districts to answer questions for RtI, it was agreed that Tri-County would pilot the program for two years and the districts would pick up the costs the next year. Tri-County has actually piloted the program for three years. It is planned that the districts will now assume this cost, thus cutting Tri-County Special Education costs by over \$40,000. After discussion, Mr. Hamilton stated Tri-County would only pay for AimsWeb by direction from the Tri-County Special Education Executive Board.
14. Mr. Hamilton stated the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) will decline in FY 2012 for those districts that used AARA funds to supplant in FY 2010. He stated based on current funding and payment trends reserves will decline to critical levels by the end of FY 2011. He stated during FY 2009 the Board requested that a modest increase in assessments should be implemented as opposed to a large increase in any given year, however it does not currently appear districts will be in a position to absorb even a small increase in assessments during 2010-2011 school year. It will mean that every increase in expense will be paid for out of reserves that are already lower than they should be. Mr. Grode indicated that he did not feel the Board had given clear direction as to what an appropriate reserve for Tri-County should be. Mr. Hamilton indicated that the general discussion given the current economic environment was to have (3) three months reserves, which amounts to (3) three million dollars. We are currently (May Treasurers Report) at (2) two million dollars, less than ideal reserve levels.
15. Mr. Hamilton stated the need to reschedule the Executive Board meeting for Wednesday, June 9, 2010. He stated the meeting is the same day as the Annual IASA Shawnee Division Scramble. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Sabens to reschedule the June board meeting from Wednesday, June 9, 2010 to Thursday, June 10, 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
16. Mr. Hamilton presented the following Administrative budget cuts for 2010-2011 are:
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| a. A reduction in number of TAS days by 55: | \$18,266 |
| b. Elimination of one TAS position: | \$61,082 |
| c. Elimination of Assist. Principal/Transition | <u>\$60,280</u> |
| Total | \$139,628 |

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17. Mr. Hamilton stated the Programatic cuts in the budget for 2010-2011 being proposed are:

a. Five Teacher Positions	\$250,000
b. Ten Aide Positions	50,000
c. Jonesboro Rent	20,000
d. Murphysboro Rent	50,000
e. Murphysboro Utilities	15,000
f. AimsWeb	<u>41,855</u>
Total	\$425,855
Plus Administrative Cuts	<u>\$139,628</u>
Grand Total cuts in budget for next year	\$566,483

These cuts do match our preliminary projections to run a balanced budget next fiscal year without tapping reserves for as much as an additional \$600,000.

18. A motion was made by Mr. Woodward, seconded by Mr. Sweitzer to enter into Executive Session at 10:35 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.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. O'Leary to come out of Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Woodward, seconded by Dr. Kelly to accept the following resignations: Tamara Pryor, Teacher Aide effective April 16, 2010; Robyn Davis, Social Worker and Mary Blossom Social Worker at the end of the 2009-2010 school year; and Regina LaBotte', Individual Care Aide at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Woodward, seconded by Mr. Sweitzer to grant Cynthia Heape, Teacher Aide an intermittent family medical leave beginning April 6, 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
22. A motion was made by Mr. Woodward, seconded by Mr. O'Leary to approve the voluntary transfer of Sheila Mason, Individual Care Aide to a Program Aide beginning April 15, 2010. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried

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23. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Woodward to employ the following personnel as presented for summer school programs:

For Choate Summer School program as presented:

Brenda Rumfelt, Teacher
Theresa Pearson, Forensics Teacher
Margie Daly, Summer Custodial/Teacher Aide
Kevin Kozlowski, Teacher Aide
Tina Otten, Teacher Aide
Janet Turner, Teacher Aide

For Tri-County Center Summer school program as presented:

JoAnn Courvoisier, Teacher
Amanda Lewis, Teacher
Anne Eicholzer, Teacher
Patti Proctor, Teacher Aide
Jeanne Dzeima, Teacher Aide
Ashley Ferguson, Teacher Aide
Carlotta Ahlfield, Individual Care Aide
Janet England, Teacher Aide
Amy Johnson, Teacher Aide
Mandy Ellet-Individual Care Aide
Marianne Roedl, Individual Care Aide
Eric White, Teacher Aide
Burke Wasson, Individual Care Aide

To employ the following for summer Custodial/maintenance as needed up to 35 hours per week:

Brandon Hoyt, Teacher Aide
Leland Sherrill, Teacher Aide

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Woodward, aye; Mr. Sabens, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. DeNoskey, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; and Mr. Williams proxy for Mrs. Meredith, aye. Motion Carried.

24. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Woodward to adjourn the meeting. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
25. The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 10, 2010.

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