

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
October 12, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Dr. Gary Kelly, Dr. Lori James-Gross, Mr. Michael Shimshak, Mr. Steve Murphy, Mr. Brad Hall, Mr. Tim O’Leary, Mr. Kevin Spain and Mr. Karl Sweitzer. Mr. Chris Grode was absent.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Spain, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated October 12, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items:
 - Executive Board Minutes dated September 14, 2011
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated September 14, 2011
 - Treasurers’ Report dated October 12, 2011
 - Schedule of Bills dated October 12, 2011
 - October Indicator Board Report
 - October Professional Development & Training calendarMr. Hall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Hall, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; and Mr. Spain, aye. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
5. Don Hoffman, CPA with Emiling & Hoffman was present to present the Tri-County Annual Financial Report/Audit for 2010-2011 school year and Patrick Keeney, Superintendent of Elverado School District were recognized as visitors.
6. Mr. Hamilton stated the new Tri-County Policies & Procedures Manual have been on display for public comment for 30 days and has received no comments from the Tri-County Education Association or public. Therefore, the Board needs to adapt a Resolution to approve the new Policy & Procedures Manual. A motion was made by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr.

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Spain to approve the new Policy & Procedures manual through the Illinois School Board Association. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O’Leary, aye; Mr. Spain, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Hall, aye; and Mr. Sweitzer, aye. Mr. Grode was absent. Motion Carried.

7. Mr. Hamilton stated Beth Hanselman, State Director of Special Education, stated IDEA money in 2013 would continue to flow through the Special Education Coops. He stated Beth Hanselman had previously indicated that an OSEP letter was promoting a need to funnel money through districts.
8. The Annual Financial Report/Audit for 2010-2011 school year was presented by Don Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman reported there were no errors or discrepancies reported during the audit. A motion was made by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Tri-County Annual Financial Report/Audit for 2010-2011 school year. All: aye. Nay: none. Motion Carried. Absent was: Chris Grode.
9. Mr. Hamilton presented a report to inform districts their COOP percentage of ownership. He stated it is by District and by County. He stated the districts in Red are the representatives that are on the Tri-County Executive Board. He stated Murphysboro District is in blue as they are Tri-County’s administrative district and receive an automatic bid on the Board.
10. Mr. Hamilton wanted to inform the Board that there is a joint effort between Tri-County, DuQuoin School District and SIU Pre-K on applying for an Early Childhood/Pre-School grant. He stated the ECH program is the biggest cost center in the Coop and the numbers are increasing each year. Dr. Kelly of DuQuoin School District stated the grant is due November 30, 2011.
11. Mr. Hamilton presented a letter from ISBE explaining the 2010-2011 Special Education Excess cost reimbursement. The letter explained the statewide breakdown of the number of districts, students, claims, reimbursement and proration. He stated claims are eligible if the cost is over 4 District per Capita charges at 100%. He stated the final proration for the last school year was at 8.87% for all districts that had eligible students.

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12. Mr. Hamilton stated Tri-County Ward numbers have increased to the point where an additional Jr. High class may need to be opened. He stated Tri-County is exploring possibilities as to where the class can be located for the next semester or sooner. He stated Tri-County will probably be opening the class next month.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Spain to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. for purpose of resignations, medical leave of absence, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement and negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Aye: all. Nay: none. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. O'Leary to come out of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. Aye: all. Nay: none. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
15. A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Spain to accept the resignation of Melissa Fleming, Individual Care/EOC Aide effective September 15, 2011. Aye: all. Nay: none. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Murphy to grant Marjorie Gale, Teacher Aide an extended medical leave of absence from August 12, 2011 to January 26, 2012 and to grant Martha Sensmeier, Teacher Aide an extended medical leave of absence from September 21, 2011 until November 23, 2011. Aye: all. Nay: none. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
17. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross to employ Emily McTaggart, Kelly Smoots, Pam Jerrell, and Marguarite White all as Individual Care/EOC Aides; and employ Jay T. Wilkey as a Teacher Aide all on a 90 day probationary period and pending completion of pre employment physical and physical function test. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Hall, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Sweitzer, aye; and Mr. Spain, aye. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.

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18. A motion was made by Mr. Sweitzer, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting. Aye: all. Nay: none. Absent: Mr. Grode. Motion Carried.
19. The meeting ended at 10:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

Approved Nov. 9, 2011.