

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
April 10, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Chris Grode, Dr. Gary Kelly, Mr. Michael Shimshak, Mr. Steve Murphy, Mr. Tim O’Leary, Dr. Wanda Honey, and Mrs. Shelly Clover-Hill.
3. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated April 10, 2013 with the change of moving item 4 under New Business to item 1. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items as presented:
  - Executive Board Minutes dated March 13, 2013
  - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated March 13, 2013
  - Treasurers’ Report dated April 10, 2013
  - Schedule of Bills dated April 10, 2013
  - Monthly Indicator Board Report
  - Monthly Professional Development & Training CalendarMr. Shimshak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; Dr. Honey, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mrs. Hill were absent. Motion Carried.
5. Mr. Mark Kennedy with Land and Auction Company was recognized as a visitor to present to the Board.
6. Dr. Lori James-Gross and Mrs. Belinda Hill arrived at the meeting.
7. Mr. Kennedy with Land and Auction Company representing a client of his company was introduced to present information concerning property of Tri-County Special Education that is in question who holds the interest of the property. Mr. Kennedy explained the property was originally owned by Pearl

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Tyler and in 1975 she quitclaim a deed for \$1.00 to give additional piece of land to County Board of School Trustees of Jackson County Illinois for the use and benefit of Community Unit School District No 186. Ms. Tyler continued to receive tax bills on the property and paid them. When Ms. Tyler became deceased the taxes were not paid and the property taxes were put up for tax sale in 1992. The land was then purchased by Mr. George Taylor and he sold the 18 ½ acres of land in June of 2013 for \$7000. When this sale took place there was a preliminary title search and the search showed there was not a clear title to the property. He stated if the District wants the land the county would have to sue the county and quit title suit would have to be entered to perfect title to the District. The treasurer would have to pay back tax money and the judge could say the property is not used for a school purpose. To clear this title the District can: Quitclaim deed to Mr. Kennedy's client; Have the county can sue the county; Ignore the process and his client has the option to ignore or his client can initiate a quit claim suit. The Tri-County Board will review and get back. The Board took no action.

8. Mr. Hamilton presented the amended calendar for Tri-County Special Education for 2012-2013. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the amended calendar for Tri-County Special Education for 2012-2013. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
9. Mr. Hamilton stated Summer School for the Tri-County South Orphanage program will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from June 11, 2013 to June 27, 2013 and July 9, 2013 to July 25, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Summer School for Tri-County Center will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from June 11, 2013 to June 25, 2013 and July 9 2013 to July 25, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly and seconded by Dr. Honey to approve the summer school dates and times for the Tri-County South Orphanage program and Tri-County Center. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
10. Mr. Hamilton discussed MOE (Maintenance of Effort). He stated when a district that does not pay quarterly assessment billings; Social Worker Salary & Benefits; Speech and EOC Aides Salary & Benefits for the FY 13 school year will likely not meet Maintenance of Effort guidelines. If a District fails to meet MOE a dollar for dollar financial penalty from ISBE would apply. The District would be required to repay to ISBE from non-federal funds the amount by which they failed to maintain financial effort. This is in addition

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to still being required to pay the cooperative the past due amounts. IDEA grants can not be approved until MOE issues are resolved. Non-payment could place the IDEA grant dollars for the entire Cooperative in jeopardy for future years. The following district has not submitted payment of their quarterly billings; Social Work; Speech or EOC aides; for the entire FY13 school year: DeSoto Consolidated School District-#86. The money in arrears must be paid by June 30, 2013 by the District. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the time to contact the District Superintendent and requested in writing what the District plan to pay their billing by June 30, 2013. The district superintendent agreed to place his plan in writing and submit that information to Mr. Hamilton.

11. Mr. Hamilton presented a chart to the Board outlining the proposed redistribution of billing costs to the Districts. He stated the Coop is planning to have a reduction in district assessments by \$331,550 for an initial one year period.
12. Mr. Hamilton made a recommendation asking the Board to pay for a certification fee for 96 upper level (State & NCLB) aides to the amount of \$4800.00 at the request of the collective bargaining. Discussion followed. A motion for said recommendation was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the payment of certification fee for the aides. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-Gross, yes; Mr. Murphy, yes; Mr. Grode, yes; Dr. Kelly, no; Mr. Shimshak, no; Mrs. Hill, no; Mr. O'Leary, no; Mrs. Clover-Hill, no; and Dr. Honey, no. Motion failed.
13. Mr. Hamilton stated that Tri-County has applied for a Recycling Project/Funding grant with Department of Human Services for the students in the Choices work program and the students who will be in the new Early Intervention classrooms in DuQuoin. With this grant the students will be able to build their work skills and get credit for this. Mr. Hamilton stated the grant has been submitted for \$100,000. He stated the students involved with the project will be supervised by aides and a janitor.
14. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly to enter into Executive Session at 11:17 a.m. for purpose of discussing resignations , family medical leaves, voluntary transfers, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

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15. A motion was made by Dr. Honey, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill to come out of Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
16. A motion was made by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly to accept the resignation of Heather Bicanich, Secretary at the DuQuoin Annex office effective April 4, 2013. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Shimshak to grant the following family medical leave: Janet Turner, Teacher Aide an intermittent family medical leave beginning January 17, 2013 and Queenie Clark, Records Custodian/Secretary a family medical leave beginning April 12, 2013. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
18. A motion was made by Mr. O’Leary seconded by Dr. Kelly to approve the following voluntary transfer of Brandon Hoyt, Teacher Aide at TC Education Annex to a 10 month custodian position at Tri-County Ward effective April 11, 2013. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
19. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. James-Gross to approve to extend the Director’s contract by one year as presented. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; Dr. Honey, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
20. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Dr. Honey to adjourn the meeting. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
21. The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held May 8, 2013.

Approved 5-8-2013