

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
December 17, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Chris Grode, Dr. Gary Kelly, Dr. Lori James-Gross, Mr. Michael Shimshak, Mrs. Belinda Hill, Mr. Steve Murphy, Mr. Tim O’Leary, Mr. Chuck Goforth and Mrs. Shelly Clover-Hill.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated December 17, 2014. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
4. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items as presented:
 - Executive Board Minutes dated November 17, 2014
 - Executive Special Board Minutes dated December 3, 2014
 - Executive Special Board Minutes dated December 4, 2014
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated November 17, 2014
 - Executive Closed Special Session Minutes dated December 3, 2014
 - Executive Closed Special Session Minutes dated December 4, 2014
 - Treasurers’ Report dated December 17, 2014
 - Schedule of Bills dated December 17, 2014
 - Monthly Indicator Board Report
 - Monthly Professional Development & Training CalendarMr. Murphy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-gross, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill. Motion Carried.
5. Robin Hastings, President of the Tri-County Special Education Association was recognized as a visitor.
6. Mr. Hamilton updated the Board in reference to FY 15 Personnel Reimbursement. He stated this time last year Tri-County had received one payment of \$273,394 and as of this date we have received no payments for

personnel reimbursement. He stated that IDEA is up by approximately \$160,000. He stated the Treasurers report shows a reserve balance of \$1,318,422. Our problem in achieving the \$2,000,000 reserve goal is a failure to bill member districts at the same rate as last year. Our YTD billing compared to last year is down by \$800,000. Expect to see accelerated Tri-County Special Education billings going forward.

7. Mr. Hamilton informed the Board that Tri-County submitted a competitive STEP grant and received a \$46,000 increase in the STEP grant, which makes the program financially self-sufficient.
8. Mr. Hamilton presented a chart in reference to the E-Rate Modernization Order. He stated the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted the E-rate Modernization Order on July 11, 2014. He stated this order takes major steps to modernized and streamline the E-rate program and focuses on expanding funding for Wi-Fi networks in eligible elementary and secondary schools and libraries across America. He stated the category one (voice services, i.e. cellphones) will be phased out. He stated Tri-County stands to lose \$17,000 for next year and by 2019 Tri-County will lose \$78,238 towards cell phone costs.
9. Mr. Hamilton presented charts showing a need to create two new classrooms for the following programs and to add additional staff for programming:
 - a. REACH classroom for age level 5th thru 8th grade students possibly in Jackson County. 13 students is the high number for a REACH classroom and right now we are out of compliance.
 - b. ED program at Tri-County Dewey at Choate due to an influx of IYC students being received from the Centerstone group home in Carbondale. Projections of up to ten students could be staffed to this program as we have already received four students.
 - c. Add a program aide in a blended ECH program at McElvain due to the increase of referrals being received. Total cost approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Hamilton stated in order to create additional classrooms and add staff, Tri-County would recommend an increase of \$42,000 in assessments to cover the cost of adding each classroom for 2nd semester at a total of \$84,000. After a lengthy discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Hamilton to go ahead and create the classrooms so Tri-County would be in compliance with ISBE guidelines. The Board asked that the costs be placed on the agenda in January to determine if an increase in assessments would be approved. Mr. Hamilton

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stated that without an increase in assessments there would be no way to maintain \$2,000,000 in reserves as recommended by the Finance Committee and likely no balanced budget going into FY 2015.

10. A motion was made by Mr. Shimshak, seconded by Mr. Murphy to enter into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act, 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 102/2 (c) for purpose to discuss resignations, employment, compensation, family medical leaves, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
11. Mr. Shimshak left closed session meeting at 11:40 a.m.
12. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Mr. Murphy to come out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. Shimshak was absent. Motion Carried.
13. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Murphy that the Executive Board accept the following resignations: Christy Bulliner, LPN at Tri-County Center effective December 19, 2014 and Kimberly Schlenker, Individual Care/EOC aide at Jonesboro effective December 15, 2014. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
14. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill that the Executive Board approve the letters of intent to retire as presented with incentive as per other certified staff of Phil Sandbach, Program Coordinator effective June 30, 2015 and Vickie Glenn, Administrative Assistant/Medicaid Coordinator effective June 30, 2018. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; and Mr. Goforth, aye. Mr. Shimshak was absent. Motion Carried.
15. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Mrs. Hill that the Executive Board to grant Sadie Hunsaker, Speech Therapist an intermittent

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family medical leave beginning November 8, 2014. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried

16. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Leary that the Executive Board to employ Travis Stewart as a full time custodian for Tri-County Central & Center, TC DuQuoin Annex Office and TC Ward school on a 90 day probationary period pending completion of employment requirements. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. Shimshak was absent. Motion Carried.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
19. The meeting ended at 11:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held January 14, 2015.

Approved Jan. 14, 2015