

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
January 14, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 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 January 14, 2015. Dr. Kelly 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 December 17, 2014
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated December 17, 2014
 - Treasurers' Report dated January 14, 2015
 - Schedule of Bills dated January 14, 2015
 - 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 and Donna Fager, Chief School Business Official for Tri-County was recognized as visitors.
6. Mr. Hamilton revisited the information about two classrooms being created and adding additional staff for classrooms as needed in bringing classrooms in compliance with ISBE. He stated the costs involved for the second semester of the year will be: \$80,000 for two classrooms created, \$10,000 for adding additional aide for ECH program for a total of \$90,000 and costs increasing to \$180,000 beginning the next year. He stated this amount could

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be adjusted down if consolidation of classrooms is possible next school year. He stated he is recommending an increase of \$90,000 in assessments to cover the cost of opening the classrooms and in turn maintain a \$2 million dollar balance in reserves as recommended by the Finance committee. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to approve the increase of \$90,000 in assessments. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross to approve the increase of \$90,000 in assessments to begin the second semester of this year. Mr. 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, aye. Motion Carried.

7. Donna Fager, Tri-County's Chief School Business Official presented information about the National School Lunch Program. She stated Tri-County was notified by ISBE in reference to pupil placements (Special Education facilities, alternative schools, safe schools, etc.) that all NSLP/SBP reimbursable meals are claimed where the student are enrolled unless such student is "tuitioned" to another facility. She stated districts used to report the data on the students housed in Tri-County programs but now Tri-County has to report students through the lunch program for Tri-County per ISBE. She stated the districts will bill Tri-County and Tri-County will reimburse the district for the amount Tri-County receives for breakfast (\$1.93) and lunch (\$3.06) reimbursement. Districts need to remember not to report the students also. She stated our teachers will start reporting this information to Tri-County instead of districts beginning January 1, 2015.
8. Mr. Hamilton presented the 2014-2015 Tri-County Seniority lists for certified and non-certified staff. He stated the seniority lists will be posted for comments and will be submitted to the Board for approval next month.
9. Mr. Hamilton presented the first reading of the updated policies and procedures from the Illinois School Board Association reviewing any changes that need to be made. He stated the policies and procedures will be on display for public and Board comment for 30 days.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Kelly to enter into Executive Session at 11:05 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;

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collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and Security procedures and use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonable potential danger to safety of employees, students, staff, or school district property. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.

11. A motion was made by Mr. Shimshak, seconded by Dr. James-Gross to come out of Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Shimshak, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
12. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. O'Leary that the Executive Board to grant Nichole Sheehan, Physical Therapy Assistant a maternity/family medical leave beginning April 12, 2014 and Cassie Cohen, Speech Therapist, a maternity/family medical leave beginning March 9, 2014 both pending medical certification and Denise Jones, Transition Specialist an intermittent family medical leave beginning January 20, 2015. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried
13. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill that the Executive Board employ the following: Connie Allen and Joanna Turner as Individual Care/EOC aides and Latricia White as a Teacher Aide all on a 90 day probationary period pending completion of employment requirements. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; and Mr. Goforth, aye. Motion Carried.
14. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Mr. Shimshak that the Executive Board employ Jan Percy as Director of the Tri-County Special Education Joint Agreement on a 3 year contract beginning July 1, 2015. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye and Mr. Goforth, aye. Motion Carried.

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15. A motion was made by Mr. O’Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly, to approve Rhiana Draper as a non-paid social worker intern for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year pending completion of all ISBE Professional Educator requirements. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

16. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Goforth to approve the voluntary transfers of the following personnel:
 - a. Tammy Milam, ED Teacher at Jonesboro to a Teacher for the REACH program at DeSoto beginning January 20, 2015.
 - b. Kelly Tripp, Individual Care/EOC aide for the REACH program at DuQuoin Elem. to a Teacher Aide for the REACH program at DeSoto beginning January 22, 2015.
 - c. Ethan LeFevre, Teacher Aide for the ED program at TC Dewey to a Teacher for the ED program at Jonesboro beginning January 20, 2015.
 - d. Samantha Hamilton, Individual Care/EOC at TC Center in a.m. and at McElvain in p.m. to a part-time Teacher Aide for the blended ECH program at McElvain in a.m. and a part-time Individual Care Aide in p.m. for self-contained ECH program at McElvain.A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. 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.

18. The meeting ended at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held February 11, 2015.

Approved February 23, 2015