

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
February 23, 2015

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 and Mrs. Shelly Clover-Hill. Mr. Tim O'Leary and Mr. Charles Goforth were absent.
3. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated February 23, 2015. Dr. James-Gross 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 January 14, 2015
 - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated January 14, 2015
 - Treasurers' Report dated February 23, 2015
 - Schedule of Bills dated February 23, 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, and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. Tim O'Leary and Mr. Charles Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
5. Lisa Gross, Representative of the Tri-County Special Education Association was recognized as a visitor.
6. Mr. Hamilton presented the Final Tri-County Seniority Lists for Certified Tenure, Certified Non-Tenure, and Non-Certified personnel for 2014-2015 to be approved. He stated the list was posted before February 1 with no questions or concerns. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill and seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Tri-County Seniority Lists for 2014-2015 as presented. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

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7. Mr. Hamilton presented the 2nd reading of the updated policies and procedures from the Illinois School Board Association. He stated the updates have been on display for 30 days and no comments have been received. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Dr. James-Gross to approve the 2nd reading of the updated policies and procedures from the Illinois School Board Association as presented. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
8. Mr. Hamilton presented information outlining Tri-County costs comparison of ECH programs throughout cooperative. Costs are in excess \$856,853 while IDEA funding is \$104,242. He stated the Early Childhood programs are the most expensive programs for Tri-County to operate and Tri-County does not receive enough money to cover all the costs for the program.
9. Mr. Hamilton stated a letter was mailed out to all Superintendents as a reminder that the Cooperative does need to know prior to the March board meeting each year if school districts plan to take over classrooms or contractual staff during the upcoming fiscal year.
10. Mr. Hamilton presented a chart outlining the reimbursements received through January, 2015 for Administrative Outreach & Fee-for-Service Medicaid Programs for the Cooperative and the Districts that participate. He stated he would like to make this a part of the consent agenda each month.
11. Mr. Hamilton stated Summer School for Tri-County Center and Tri-County South-Dewey Orphanage program will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from June 09, 2015 to June 25, 2015 and July 7, 2015 to July 23, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly and seconded by Dr. James Gross that the Executive Board approve the summer school dates and times for the Tri-County Center and Tri-County South-Dewey Orphanage program. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
12. Mr. Hamilton presented information for approval to add PLATO-Credit Recovery Program for Secondary Students for a Summer Session. He stated the cost will be \$30.00 per week for each student to be paid by home district

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and parents or students will be responsible for transportation, attendance, and application process. He stated the summer session will be June 1 thru 26 and July 6 thru July 31 at Tri-County Ward 8 to 10 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. to noon. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Kelly that the Executive Board approve the PLATO-Credit Recovery Program for a Summer Session at Tri-County Ward. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.

13. Mr. Hamilton stated the Tri-County Principals updated the 2014-2015 Parent/Student handbook to reflect the most updated policy on Bullying and Cyber bullying.
14. Mr. Hamilton stated the IASA, IASBO, IPA, IASB have proactively lobbied the legislature regarding our needs for education. It is the belief of the Administration that we need to advocate for our organization. As the Illinois Vision 20/20 recommendations are in line with Tri-County Special Education needs, it is the recommendation of the administration to pass the resolution in support of the Illinois Vision 20/20. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Shimshak that the Executive Board approve the resolution in support of the Illinois Vision 20/20. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
15. Mr. Hamilton stated there may be a need to reschedule the Executive Board meeting for March 11 due to some Superintendents may be out of the office. After a brief discussion, it was decided to not reschedule the meeting for March 11, 2015.
16. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill 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 of discussion of the minutes of meeting lawfully closed, to discuss resignations, appointment, employment, family medical leaves, compensation, family medical leaves, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives
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; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth

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were absent. Motion Carried.

17. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Dr. Kelly to come out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; and Mrs. Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
18. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Hill that the need for confidential treatment of specific closed meeting minutes continues to exist and will remain closed. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
19. A motion was made by Dr. James-Gross, seconded by Dr. Kelly that the Executive Board accept the following resignations:
 - Ashley Sneed, Special Needs Teacher effective February 6, 2015
 - Donna Fager, Chief School Business Official effective June 30, 2015
 - Raylene O'Guinn, Teacher Aide effective February 11, 2015
 - Krystal Cross, Individual Care/EOC Aide effective February 3, 2015A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
20. A motion was made by Mr. Shimshak, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill that the Executive Board accept the letter of intent to retire of Sandra J. Baker, Teacher Aide effective March 1, 2015. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Kelly that the Executive Board grant Connie Heisner, Individual Care/EOC Aide an intermittent family medical leave beginning March, 2014; Carol Dixon, Individual Care/EOC Aide a family medical leave beginning January 20, 2015; Marguarite White, Individual Care/EOC/Teacher Aide a family medical leave beginning January 26, 2015; Rebecca Sloan, Teacher Aide a medical leave of absence beginning March 10, 2015 and Kim Williams, Technical Assistance Supervisor a family medical leave beginning February 13, 2015 all pending receipt of medical certifications. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried

22. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Shimshak that the Executive Board employ the following: Melissa Clark as a Contractual Speech Therapist on a 50 day contract; Katie Murphy as a Teacher Aide and Bonnie Forby as an Individual Care/EOC Aide both on a 90 day probationary period pending completion of employment requirements. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth absent. Motion Carried.
20. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Dr. James-Gross that the Executive Board increase the contract of Gina Stokes, Principal at TC Dewey-South from 200 days to 205 days. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; and Mrs. Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
21. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the Executive Board approve the reassignment as presented of Renee Evans, Bookkeeper to the position of Chief Business School Official/Business Manager effective July 1, 2015. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent. Motion Carried.
22. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the voluntary transfers of the following personnel:
 - a. Susan Nellis, Part Time teacher aide and part time teacher at TC Center to a Teacher for TC Center in a.m. and TC ED program at Centerstone in p.m. beginning February 4, 2015.
 - b. Carmen Atkins, Teacher Aide at TC Ward to an Individual Care/EOC aide for Choices program at DQ High School beginning February 3, 2015.
 - c. Sonja Locke, Individual Care/EOC Aide at TC Education Annex to a Teacher Aide for the ED program at TC Education AnnexA voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
23. A motion was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Dr. James-Gross that the Executive Board approve the Resolution to Non Renew the contracts of the following non-tenured certified personnel at the end of the 2014-2015 school year:

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First Year Teachers:

Hannah Leonard- Primary CD Teacher

Erin Cook-ED Teacher

Ethan LeFevre-ED Teacher

Susan Nellis-ED Teacher

Second Year Teacher:

Johna Atkinson, ED Teacher

Joan Weber-ECH CD Teacher

A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mrs. Hill, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Goforth were absent.

Motion Carried.

24. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Shimshak to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
25. The meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.

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

Approved: March 11, 2015