

TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
May 13, 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. Shimshak, Mrs. Belinda Hill, Mr. Steve Murphy, Mr. O’Leary, and Mrs. Shelly Clover-Hill. Mr. Charles Goforth arrived after roll call.
3. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, to approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Executive Board dated May 13, 20145. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. A voice vote was recorded as follows: 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 April 08, 2015
  - Executive Closed Session Minutes dated April 08, 2015
  - Treasurers’ Report dated May 13, 2015
  - Schedule of Bills dated May 13, 2015
  - Monthly Indicator Board Report
  - Monthly Professional Development & Training Calendar
  - Monthly Administrative Outreach & Fee-for-Service Medicaid Programs ReimbursementsDr. James-Gross seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O’Leary, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Mr. Goforth was absent. Motion Carried.
5. Recognition of Audience: Jan Percy, new Director, Steve Bookstaver, Program Coordinator, Zeppelyn Brewer, Kim Williams, Dana Stuart, Melissa Lingle, Janet Flesch all Administrators, Renee Evans, Business Office and Robin Hastings, President of the Tri-County Special Education Association.  
Others present: Charlotte Massey, Anna Elem. Dist. 37, Amy Reynolds, Principal at Shawnee District 84, Donna Boros, Regional Superintendent of

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Schools for Jackson & Perry Counties and Jaime Lodge, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools for Jackson & Perry Counties.

6. Under recognition of audience, there were no employee concerns. Under public comments the following parents were present to address the Board in reference to the Tri-County REACH programs: Christy Konkell, Lorrain Bruno, Zane Moore, Laura Wallace, Bethany Norris, Juliana Woodsides, Jerika Rivera, Edward Rivera, Chelsea Johnson, Mia Conrad and Emily Clerk. All parents spoke about the concerns of the programs being returned back to their home districts and their students falling through the cracks. They stated the programs have taught their students to grow, to read, write and learn math, to boost their self-esteem, to be happy with themselves, they look forward to going to school instead of hating it and control some of behavior issues. They stated this was all possible through the REACH programs and the Teachers for those programs. Parents want to know what accommodations will be made for their students if these programs are returned to the districts. The Board thanked them for coming to voice their concerns and stated they will take into consideration all the concerns and letters presented of support for the program in making a decision about the REACH programs.
7. Mr. Hamilton presented a document to the Board on the Final IELRB Order re Unit Clarification Petition stating the position of Staff Development Coordinator and Transition Specialist Director was removed from the bargaining unit of the Joint Agreement.
8. Mr. Hamilton presented the proposed calendar for Tri-County Special Education for 2015-2016. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill to approve the proposed calendar for Tri-County Special Education for 2015-2016. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
9. Mr. Hamilton stated the Illinois State Board of Education issued guidance on April, 2015 containing new revised ISBE Guidance Relating to Special Education Cooperative Articles of Agreement (PA 96-0769 and PA 96-0783). Tri-County Special Education Joint Agreement articles have been amended to reflect the new requirements. He stated it must be ratified by 2/3 vote of Executive Board and 2/3 vote of the 20 member district Boards. He stated if Districts fail to reach resolution on the required components prior to

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the submission of FY 2016 IDEA Part B grant applications will result in a loss of \$3.2 million in IDEA funding to Tri-County and member districts. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy that the Executive Board approve the resolution to amend the Joint Agreement Articles to reflect the new ISBE requirements. Dr. Kelly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, abstain; Mrs. Hill, abstain; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried by 2/3 majority.

10. Mr. Hamilton informed the Board that the Office of Special Education Programs and Indicator 14 of the Illinois State Performance Plan, Part B require the state to collect post-secondary outcomes data on students with disabilities one year after leaving school (graduate, dropout, or age out). He stated ISBE has selected Anna-Jonesboro High School Dist. 81 and Carbondale Community High School Dist. 165 to administer post school surveys for 2013-2014 school leavers. He stated the district is required to submit Indicator 14 Post-School Outcomes survey data by September 30, 2015. Tri-County will submit the data to ISBE after it is received from the district.
11. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Goforth to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for purpose of discussing resignations, appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the joint agreement, Tri-County programs, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
12. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly to come out of Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O'Leary, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
13. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy that the Executive Board accept the resignation of Carol Nippert, Individual Care/EOC Aide effective June 2, 2015 and accept the resignation of April Gibbs, Social Worker effective

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June 1, 2015. Mrs. Clover-Hill seconded the motion. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.

14. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Mr. Murphy that the Executive Board accept the letter of intent to retire of Sue Williams, Administrative Assistant effective June 30, 2015 and Johna Atkinson, Teacher effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
15. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly that the Executive Board accept the letter of intent to retire without the ERO option of Rita Harsy, Early Childhood Teacher effective June 2, 2015. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O'Leary, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
16. A motion was made by Mrs. Clover-Hill, seconded by Mr. O'Leary to accept the letters to decline to be employed for Tri-County Center summer school program of Jennifer Bunton, Teacher and Shalee Rains, Individual Care/EOC Aide. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
17. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Shimshak that the Executive Board employ the following: Theresa Pearson as a Teacher for the Tri-County Choate Forensics 2015 summer school program; employ Chris Banner, STEP Student for summer custodial work at TC Ward up to 14 hours per week for the month of June; employ Melissa Clark as a Speech Language Pathologist and Colleen Savage as a School Psychologist pending completion of ISBE Professional Educator licensure and all other employment requirements for the 2015-2016 school year; and employ Chelsea Hagene as a Bookkeeper beginning July 1, 2015 on a 90 day probationary period pending completion of employment requirements. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Shimshak, 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.

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18. A motion was made by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Hill that the Executive Board approve the reassignment of Lisa Gross, Secretary at TC DuQuoin Annex to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director and Tri-County Executive Board effective July 1, 2015. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Dr. Kelly, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, abstain; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
19. A motion was made by Mr. O'Leary, seconded by Dr. Kelly that the Executive Board contract with Sue Williams for assistance in training the new Administrative Assistant up to 599 hours. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. O'Leary, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
20. After a lengthy discussion of the REACH program viability, delivery, and costs going forward for next school year, the Board decided to call a Special Board meeting on June 5, 2015 to make a final decision. A motion was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Clover-Hill to approve that a Special Board meeting be held on June 5, 2015 at Tri-County Center at 10:30 a.m. A voice vote was recorded as follows: Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion Carried.
21. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Goforth to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Goforth, aye; Mr. Grode, aye; Dr. Kelly, aye; Dr. James-Gross, aye; Mr. Shimshak, aye; Mrs. Hill, aye; Mr. O'Leary, aye; and Mrs. Clover-Hill, aye. Motion Carried.
22. The meeting ended at 12:10 pm.

A special board meeting will be held June 5, 2015 and the next regular meeting will be held June 10, 2015.

Approved June 10, 2015