



BOARD BRIEFS

February 25, 2009

Board accepted/approved:

The Minutes:

- γ *Minutes of:*
 - *January 28, 2009, regular meeting*
 - *January 28, 2009, closed session*

The Consent Agenda:

- γ *Personnel Recommendations:*
 - *Resignations: 2 certified & 3 educational support personnel*
 - *Retiring: 1 certified effective 6/12/09*
 - *Appointments: 1 educational support person*
- γ *Fiscal: January, 2009 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports*
 - January, 2009 - Treasurer's Report*
 - January, 2009 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks*
 - February 25, 2009 - Bills Payable*
- γ *Approved the FY 10 Classroom Lease Agreements (3% increase from FY 09)*
- γ *Approved Destroying Tape Recordings of the July 25, 2007, Closed Session*
- γ *Approved the FY 10 IDEA Service Rates (Same level as FY 09)*
- γ *Approved the FY 10 Tuition & Fee Rates (4% increase except the Autism which is a 7.7% decrease)*
- γ *Approved the Second Reading of the following Policies:*
 - *2:105 - Ethics and Gift Ban*
 - *2:220 - Board of Control Meeting Procedure*
 - *5:90 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*
 - *5:150 - Personnel Records*
 - *5:240 - Suspension*
 - *6:120 - Education of Children with Disabilities*

(The above policies are considered to be adopted effective February 25, 2009.)
- γ *Approved the First Reading of the following Policies:*
 - *7:10 - Equal Educational Opportunities*
 - *7:20 - Harassment of Students Prohibited*
 - *7:100 - Health, Eye & Dental Examinations, Immunizations, & Exclusion of Students*
 - *7:190 - Student Discipline*
 - *7:230 - Misconduct by Students with Disabilities*

Staff Recognition:

The following staff were nominated and recognized for the Teaching, Leading and Believing Awards:

- Amy Kraus for Teaching - Amy is the teacher of the newly established STARS classroom for students with Autism She was nominated by her Program Administrator, Sheila Feldbaumer..
- Margaret Krumsieg for Leading - Margaret coordinates the Vocational Programs and Services for Transition and High School aged students. She was nominated by her Program Administrator, Christine DiRienzo.
- Dawn Wagner for Believing - Mrs. Wagner is a parent of a student in the Southeast Alternative School and has been the long time representative of that program to the SASED Parent Advisory Council. She was nominated by the Southeast Alternative School Program Administrator, Larry Solomon. Mrs. Wagner was unable to attend but will be recognized at a future Board of Control meeting.

Each individual was recognized with a certificate of appreciation and a token gift of a hat with the 50th anniversary emblem.

Communications

- Letter from Audrey Brown, Ed.D., Benedictine University, recognizing David Blatchley, Assistant Director for the SASED Human Resource Department.
- Letter from Green/Associates expressing an interest in providing architectural services to SASED.
- Memo from IHFS (Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services) informing Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that effective with the administrative claim covering the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2009, the Department will not accept administrative claims from LEAs participating in the School-Based Health Services Program or from any source other than the selected statewide vendor.

Director's Report

- Visually Impaired Program - DuPage High School 88 has been a longtime host for the SASED/DuPage/West Cook program for high school aged students with Visual Impairments. Due to unforeseen issues related to their construction, the district will not be able to accommodate these students for the 2009-2010 school year. The SASED Leadership Team has been working to relocate this program by contacting the Unit and High School districts in SASED and those in the DuPage/West Cook catchment area. Board members were encouraged to contact the Leadership Team if they are aware of any relocation possibilities.
- Support Staff Contract - The Administration has been meeting with the certified staff to review the new educational support staff contract. Dr. Volpe also announced that the new union has appointed the officers. Paul Edwards, who participated in the bargaining, is the President. Dr. Volpe also indicated that the bargaining agreement has been signed.

- Illinois Teachers of the Hearing Impaired (ITHI) Conference - The ITHI conference is March 5th and 6th at the Naperville Holiday Inn Select. Dr. Volpe commended the SASSED D/HH staff for their strong participation in the conference:
 - Jessica Holle, Primary grade teacher at Miller School in Westmont, is President Elect
 - Robin Cullen, Esther Rice, Kim Birch, and Zainab Sheth are presenting a “Family Workshop” session.
 - Nicole Kroger is presenting on the use of “Yoga to Enhance Learning.”
 - Billie Franger, Micki Larson, and Maggie Murphy are presenting on “Integrating Academics.”
 - Michael Salins and Joe Misener are hosting an ideal sharing breakout session.
 - Maria Dorchack and Dawn Ryan are conducting a breakout session showcasing on the topic of “Behavior Supports.”
 - Billie Franger, Micki Larson, and Maggie Murphy are presenting on “Integrating Academics.”
 - Amy Farrell and Erin Toronyi are Area 9 Representatives and are both volunteering at the conference.
 - Anne Burgoni and Joyce Zimmermann are members of the state supervisors group (ISHI) and will be working in the exhibit area with new graduates on job searches and interviewing skills.”
 - Also, Emily Cain from the IST is presenting on the topic of “Behavior Supports”

SASED Foundation

The Board approved the resolution supporting the administration’s efforts to create a tax exempt foundation for the purpose of the solicitation, receipt and management of charitable donations for the benefit of SASSED’s educational programs, services and activities.

Next Meeting - March 25, 2009

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Michael Volpe at 630/778-4500.