

**School Association for Special
Education In DuPage
(SASED)
Board of Control Meeting #128
February 25, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Century Hill Education Center
6S331 Cornwall Road
Naperville, IL 60540**

Marshall Schmitt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

1. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

<u>Present:</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Keeneyville School District #20	Dr. Carol Auer
Benjamin School District #25	Jack Buscemi (Arrived @ 7:15 p.m.)
Winfield School District #34	Dr. Diane Cody
School District #45, DuPage County	Dr. Janice Rosales
Salt Creek School District #48	Dr. John Correll
Downers Grove Grade School District #58	Marshall Schmitt
Maercker District #60	Dr. Catherine Berning
Center Cass School District #66	Dr. Jay Tiede
Woodridge School District #68	Tom Ruggio
Community High School District #94	Katherine Doremus
Community High School District #99	Julia Beckman
Lisle Community Unit School District #202	Sam Russo
Westmont Community Unit School District #201	Patrick Duffy
Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205	Deborah O'Keefe Conroy (Arrived @ 7:10 p.m.)
Absent: West Chicago Elementary School District #33	Dr. Ed Leman
Cass School District #63	Dr. Kerry Foderaro
DuPage High School District #88	Dr. Steven Humphrey
Community Consolidated School District #180	Dr. Thomas Schneider

Present: Fourteen Districts

Absent: Four Districts

Also in attendance:

Larry Solomon, Program Administrator, SASED Southeast School
 Margaret Krumsieg, Vocational Coordinator, SASED
 Amy Kraus, Teacher in the SASED STARS Classroom
 Bob Kraus, Amy Kraus' spouse
 Christine DiRienzo, Program Administrator, Transition Programs
 Dr. Michael Volpe, Executive Director, SASED
 Sam Cannata, Assistant Director for Business, SASED

Nan Diamond, Assistant Director for Programs & Services, SASSED
David Blatchley, Assistant Director for Human Resources, SASSED
Nancy Sallmann, Recording Secretary

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Solomon extended words of welcome to the Board and audience. He informed the Board that the students at the Southeast School will start the ISAT tests next week. Also he reported that he along with Nan Diamond and some Southeast staff attended a Prairie State training session today. Everyone should be pleased with the results.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Diane Cody moved and her motion was seconded by Dr. Janice Rosales to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2009, and the Closed Session Minutes of January 28, 2009.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

5. STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Michael Volpe stated that he wanted to take this time to recognize staff members who have epitomized the value of SASSED in the areas of Teaching, Leading and Believing.

- Amy Kraus is the teacher of the newly established STARS classroom for students with Autism. Opening a new program presents a significant challenge. Amy has been tireless in her efforts for her students as well as in her ongoing “program analysis” responsibilities. Due to Amy’s investment in this inaugural effort, her students have thrived, their parents are engaged and supportive and the SASSED member districts are looking for the expansion of this programming to serve a larger span of age and grade levels. She was nominated for the Teaching recognition by her Program Administrator, Sheila Feldbaumer.
- Margaret Krumsieg coordinates Vocational programming and services for our Transition and High School aged students. She has worked diligently over the years to find and develop partnerships and worksites for our most challenged students. Her real strength lies in her ability to lead the students toward successful transition outcomes for themselves. She is continuously looking to improve the education components of the vocational opportunities. Margaret’s leadership is also demonstrated in her work with the Job Coaches. Her leadership of the group has always been a professional by collaborative experience which has had great effect for the students. Margaret exemplifies the leadership we want to see within our organizations. She was nominated for Leading by her Program Administrator, Christine DiRienzo.

The recipients were recognized with a certificate of appreciation and a token gift of a hat with the 50th anniversary emblem.

Dawn Wagner, a parent of a student attending the Southeast Alternative School, was unable to

attend this meeting. She will be invited to attend the next meeting to receive her certificate of appreciation in the area of Believing.

(Deborah O'Keefe Conroy arrived during the above presentations @ 7:10 p.m.)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Carol Auer moved and her motion was seconded by Julia Beckman to approve the following Consent Agenda:

- A. The Personnel Recommendation (Exhibit 1)**
 - a. Resignations/Terminations: 3 certificated & 3 educational support personnel**
 - b. Appointments: 1 educational support person**
- B. The Revenue/Expenditure Reports January, 2009**
- C. The Gross Payroll - January, 2009 - \$1,775,922.27 & the Interim Checks – January, 2009 - \$709,652.39**
- D. The Bills Payable – February 25, 2009 - \$1,756,839.59**
- E. The Voided Checks – (\$498.50)**
- F. Destroying the Tape Recording of the July 25, 2007, Closed Session**
- G. The FY 10 Classroom Lease Agreements reflecting a 3% increase from FY 09**
- H. The FY 10 IDEA Service Rates with rates at same level as FY 09**
- I. The FY 10 Tuition & Fee Rates reflecting a 4% increase except the Autism Program which is a 7.7% decrease**
- J. 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.)

- K. 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
 - 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on SASSED Property
 - &
 - Delete Policy 8:40 (Spectator Conduct of SASSED Events) when revised 8:30 is adopted

Roll Call Vote: Aye:

Keeneyville School District #20
Community High School District #99
Winfield School District #34
School District #45, DuPage County
Salt Creek School District #48
Downers Grove Grade School District #58
Maercker District #60
Center Cass School District #66

Woodridge School District #68
Community High School District #94
Lisle Community Unit School District #202
Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205

Nay:
None

Abstain:
Westmont Community Unit School District #201

Absent:
Benjamin School District #25
West Chicago Elementary School District #33
Cass School District #63
DuPage High School District #88
Community Consolidated School District #180

VOTE: Aye: 12 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 5 MOTION CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION WITHOUT ACTION

A. 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.

(Jack Buscemi arrived at this time – 7:15 p.m.)

B. 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.”

8. ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE March 25 , 2009, BOARD MEETING:

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| * ● February 27 | SASED Spring Institute |
| ● March 2 | SASED Offices Closed – Pulaski Day |
| ● March 4 | SASED Program Administrators’ Meeting |
| ● March 5 | IAASE Board Meeting – Ottawa |
| ● March 11 | Autism Project Statewide Leadership Team Meeting - Normal |
| ● March 13 | SASED District Administrators’ Meeting |
| ● March 18 | DuPage IASA Meeting |
| ● March 19 | DuPage/West Cook Board Meeting |
| ● March 24 | LEND Meeting |

* Board members were welcomed to attend any of sessions.

9. DISCUSSION WITH ACTION

A. Resolution for the Board of Control’s Support of the Creation of the SASSED Foundation:

Sam Russo moved and his motion was seconded by Patrick Duffy to approve the Resolution in Support of S.A.S.E.D. Foundation 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.

*Roll Call Vote: Aye:
 Lisle Community Unit School District #202
 Westmont Community Unit School District #201
 Keeneyville School District #20
 Benjamin School District #25
 Winfield School District #34
 School District #45, DuPage County
 Salt Creek School District #48
 Downers Grove Grade School District #58
 Maercker District #60
 Center Cass School District #66*

Woodridge School District #68
Community High School District #94
Community High School District #99
Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205

Nay:
None

Absent:
West Chicago Elementary School District #33
Cass School District #63
DuPage High School District #88
Community Consolidated School District #180

VOTE: Aye: 14 Nay: 0 Absent: 4 MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Diane Cody moved and her motion was seconded by Sam Russo to adjourn this meeting.

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

(Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)

Marshall J. Schmitt, Chairperson

Patrick D. Duffy, Secretary