



BOARD BRIEFS

March 25, 2009

ACTION ITEMS

Board accepted/approved:

The Minutes:

- γ *Minutes of:*
 - February 25, 2009, regular meeting

The Consent Agenda:

- γ *Fiscal: February, 2009 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports*
 - February, 2009 - Treasurer's Report*
 - February, 2009 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks*
 - March 25, 2009 - Bills Payable*
- γ *Approved Destroying the Tape Recording of the August 22, 2007, Closed Session*
- γ *Approved the Second Reading of the following Policies:*
 - 7:10 - *Equal Educational Opportunities (Revised)*
 - 7:20 - *Harassment of Students Prohibited (Revised)*
 - 7:100 - *Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students (Revised)*
 - 7:190 - *Student Discipline (Revised)*
 - 7:230 - *Misconduct by Students with Disabilities (Revised)*
 - 8:30 - *Visitors to and Conduct on SASED Property (Revised)*

(The above policies are considered to be adopted effective March 25, 2009.)

Approved deleting this policy:

 - 8:40 - *Spectator Conduct at SASED Events*
- γ *Approved the First Reading of the following Policies:*
 - 4:50 - *Payment Procedures (Revised)*
 - 4:55 - *Use of Credit and Procurement Cards (New Policy)*
 - 4:60 - *Purchases and Contracts (Revised)*
 - 4:70 - *Resource Conservation (Revised)*
 - 4:80 - *Accounting and Audits (Completely Rewritten)*
 - 4:110 - *Transportation (Revised)*
 - 4:170 - *Safety (Revised)*

DISCUSSION WITHOUT ACTION

γ Communications:

- Profile of Special Education Data - 2007-2008 School Year: Dr. Volpe stated that this information is for the entire cooperative. Individual district reports can be obtained on-line.
- A flier announcing the Response to Intervention/Problem-Solving Training Coaching Services 2009-2010.
- A flier announcing the Illinois Experiential Practicum for Autism Training - Summer 2009 sponsored by the Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project and hosted by Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 on July 27-31, 2009.
- SEA-PAC Report - January 21, 2009: Dr. Volpe provided this as information. It identifies the state legislators' supported by the PAC of the Illinois Alliance Association for Special Education.
- A flier announcing a Principal's Breakfast on April 16, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Northern Illinois University. SASED Administrators will host this appreciation breakfast for the principals of the schools that house our classes and programs.
- The District Administrators' meeting agenda of March 13, 2009.
- A flier announcing a special needs planning educational seminar presented by Mary Anne Ehlert, Founder & President of Protected Tomorrows, Inc. This seminar was held on March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the SASED Transition Center, 825 N. Cass Avenue #117, Westmont and on March 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Highland Hills, 1590 S. Fairfield, Lombard. Christine DiRienzo, Program Administrator for the Transition Program, was responsible for obtaining this presentation which covered Special Needs Trusts, SSI and other financial information for the 32 parents in attendance.
- A copy of a letter sent to Randall Hultgren, Illinois Senator, with a copy going to Representative Michael Fortner from Dr. Lee Rieck, Superintendent of Community High School District 94, regarding the responsibility of serving the educational component of the DuPage County Juvenile Detention Center.

γ Director's Report:

- Spring Institute: The annual Spring Institute was a great success with over 1,200 certified, registered and paraprofessional staff attending. The evaluations of the event were very positive. Dr. Volpe expressed his appreciation to the Professional Development Committee, the Coordinator, Jennifer Volpe and her support staff of Lynne Mennel and Susan Newhard for the great effort that led to a great day.
- SASED-DuPage/West Cook Visually Impaired Program: The Administration has recently been informed by the DuPage High School District 88 Administration that the district has found available space at Addison Trail High School in District 88 for the 2009-2010 school year and beyond. Dr. Volpe took this time to publicly thank Dr. Steven Humphrey and his staff for all their work in finding space to accommodate the Vision Program.

- Special Education Procedures: In November the Board adopted procedures as distributed by the Illinois Council of School Attorneys' Special Education Committee (ICSE), for the implementation of the ISBE Regulations for Special Education for SASSED and its member districts. On December 1, 2008, the U.S. Department of Education issued another round of "final" regulations for IDEA Part B. Changes to sections on Parental Consent, Hearing Rights and Monitoring and Enforcement were substantial and will conflict with the procedures adopted in November. In February the ICSE distributed its updated procedures for those sections. That document has been discussed with and distributed to all member district Special Education administrators. They will each be responsible for including these changes in their published procedures. SASSED has amended the procedures and will distribute the updated document.

- 9th Annual Conference on Disability Studies in Education: Shannon Cribaro, Program Coordinator for the Multi-Needs Program, will be presenting at the Disabilities Studies Conference in May at the Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. Mrs. Cribaro and her co-researchers will be presenting the findings from their study entitled: *Policy Practice, and Challenges of Building Schools as Inclusive Communities*. Their study has also been presented as an article in the International Journal of Inclusive Education. Mrs. Cribaro was a member of the research team from National Lewis University where she is enrolled in a Doctoral program. She has been a wonderful addition to our administrative team and we congratulate her on this accomplishment.

DISCUSSION WITH ACTION

A. Personnel Recommendations - Accept/Approve Resignations, Appointments:

The Board accepted the resignations of two educational support staff and approved the appointments of one educational support person.

B. Dismissal/Non-Reemployment of Certificated Staff:

The Board approved the non-reemployment of three full-time certificated staff and the honorable dismissal of four part-time certificated staff.

Next Meeting - April 22, 2009

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