



BOARD BRIEFS

April 22, 2009

Board Accepted/Approved:

The Minutes:

- γ Minutes of:
 - March 25, 2009, regular meeting
 - March 25, 2009, closed session

The Consent Agenda:

- γ Personnel Recommendation: a) Retiring - 2 certified in June, 2013
 - b) Resignations - 3 educational support personnel
 - c) Appointments - 2 registered (beginning of the 09-10 school year) & 4 educational support personnel
 - d) Re-employment for 09-10 school year - 1 certified person
- γ Fiscal: March, 2009 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports
 - March, 2009 - Treasurer's Report
 - March, 2009 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks
 - April 22, 2009 - Bills Payable
- γ Approved Destroying the Tape Recording of the September 26, 2007, Closed Session
- γ Approved the Second 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)

(The above policies are considered to be adopted effective April 22, 2009)
- γ Approved the membership renewal to Infinitic Assistive Technology

Discussion with Action:

- A. Dismissal/ Non-Reemployment of Educational Support Employees
 - 1) Adopted the resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Thirteen Educational Support Employees
 - 2) Adopted the resolution for Dismissal of One Educational Support Employee for Reasons Other Than

- Reduction-In-Force*
- 3) *Adopted the resolution for Non-Reemployment of Five Part-Time Educational Support Employees*
- B. *Reduction in Employment & Services*
- 1) *Adopted the resolution Authorizing Notice of Reduction in Employment and Service for two PBIS Grant employees*
- C. *Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session*
- 1) *Adopted the resolution Authorizing and Approving Issuance of a Notice to Remedy and Direction to Act for a certified employee*
- D. *Business/Budget Items*
- 1) *Approved granting the same retirement benefits to the certified staff not covered by the collective bargaining agreement as those who are covered*
- 2) *Approved the FY 10 Wage & Salary Recommendations for staff not covered by a bargaining agreement:*
- a) *Increase salaries for occupational and physical therapists by an average of 4.32%*
- b) *Increase salaries and wages for PBIS grant employees by an average of 2.26%*
- c) *Increase Statewide Project CHOICES and Early CHOICES salaries and wages by 3.5%*
- d) *Increase salaries and wages for all other employees by 3.5%*
- E. *Authorized the Administration to go out to re-bid for the 2009-2010 transportation contract with different specifications (The lowest bid originally submitted would have increased transportation costs by 20%.)*
- F. *Approved the request for an overnight trip by the 7th and 8th grade Deaf & Hard of Hearing classes*

Discussion Without Action:

Director's Report:

- Juvenile Detention Center Funding of Educational Component: The DuPage County Detention Center lies within the boundaries of Community High School District 94 but for almost fifteen years SASSED has acted as the operating agent and prepared all fiscal documents for the district. The enrollment has gradually been declining over the past few years. Based on the average daily attendance for this year, SASSED expects a \$88,000 shortfall. Dr. Volpe and Dr. Lee Rieck, Superintendent for District 94, recently had a meeting with State Senator Hulgren and State Representative Fortner to discuss this concern. Although the legislators were not optimistic, they will pursue the matter with their colleagues. Dr. Volpe and Dr. Rieck have also discussed this matter with the Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ruscitti. Dr. Ruscitti has arranged to meet with the County Board, the Juvenile Justice System and Michael Volpe and Sam Cannata to discuss this issue on April 27th.
- Community Unit School District 201 Career Fair: Dr. Volpe represented SASSED and careers in special education at a recent Westmont High School Career Day. This event was well organized with close to 50 stations. He mentioned that he was impressed with the conversations he had with the students and holds hope for the future if some of these students pursue careers in special education.
- Southeast Alternative School: Dr. Volpe expressed his appreciation of all the district administrators who offered their support and personnel when informed of the tragic loss of a student enrolled at the Southeast Alternative School. He also extended thanks to Larry Solomon, the Southeast counseling and support staff as well as the social workers, counselors and psychologists from other SASSED programs who made their services available to the Southeast staff and students during this difficult time.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Evaluation: On April 14th four external observers were on site and spent a full day visiting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) classrooms from Pre-K through Transition. This included the LADSE operated High School and Transition programs. Also, at the end of the day they spent time with classroom teachers and other personnel for focused questions and comments. Karen Bogden, Peg Singleton and Kathy Rueter are all administrators of DHH programs in different parts of the state. Christy Sivik is the Director of Curriculum in Community

Unit School District 201. Their written reports will be shared with the Board when received

- Board Officers & Committee Seats: The Board was reminded that May is the annual organizational meeting. Board Officers will be elected and committee members appointed. Members were asked to consider continuing to serve and if not currently serving to consider doing so.
- Policy Updates: The Governance Committee has done a wonderful job of updating SASSED Policies. We are now current with all PRESS releases by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The Committee will now work on policies that need to be amended due to the recent negotiated agreements.

Next Meeting - May 27, 2009

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