



BOARD BRIEFS

April 28, 2010, Meeting

Action Items:

Board accepted/approved:

The Minutes:

*γ Minutes of:
- March 24, 2010, Meeting*

The Consent Agenda:

*γ Personnel Recommendations: a) Resignations - 2 certified (one at the end of this school term and the other on June 7, 2013) and 6 educational support personnel
b) Re-Employed for the 2010-2011 School Term: - 17 certified staff*

*γ Fiscal: March, 2010- Revenue/Expenditure Reports
March, 2010 - Treasurer's Report
March, 2010 - Gross Payroll
March & April Interim Checks
Approved the Bills Payable - April 28, 2010*

γ Approved destroying the tape recording of the October 22, 2008, Closed Session.

*γ Approved the Second Reading of the following policies:
5:92 - Maintaining Student Discipline (General Personnel) (formerly 5:230 in Professional Section)
5:184 - Leaves, Holidays & Vacations (General Personnel) (formerly 5:250 in Professional Section)
5:330 - Sick Days, Leaves, Holidays & Vacations - recommended for deletion
5:260 - Student Teachers, Interns & Practicum Students
5:270 - Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
5:280 - Duties & Qualifications
5:285 - Drug & Alcohol Testing for Student Transportation & Commercial Vehicle Drivers
5:290 - Employment, Termination and Suspensions
5:300 - Schedules & Employment Year*

The above policies have been formerly adopted and effective as of April 28th and will replace the

old policies except for Policy 5:330 which is being deleted.

γ Approved the First Reading of Policies:

- 2:110 - *Qualifications, Term, & Duties of Board Officers*
- 2:200 - *Types of Board of Control Meetings*
- 2:250 - *Access to SASED Public Records*
- 4:30 - *Revenue & Investments*
- 4:60 - *Purchases & Contracts*
- 4:110 - *Transportation*
- 4:160 - *Environmental Quality of Buildings & Grounds*

γ Approved a Five Year Lease for Classrooms with Salt Creek School District 48 for the Visually Impaired Programs at:

- Salt Creek Primary School - four classrooms
- Albright Middle School - three classrooms and one room for office space
- Stella May Swartz School - three classrooms

γ Approved submitting the request to the ROE for temporary housing approval for the mobile unit at Century Hill Education Center (Southeast Alternative School) for 2010-2011 classroom space.

γ Approved the 2010-2011 Health Insurance Renewals.

There will be an 8% increase in rates for Medical Insurance and 0% increase in rates for dental insurance.

γ Approved the 2010-2011 wages and salary recommendations for staff not covered by the bargaining agreements.

- Increased salaries for occupational and physical therapists by an average of 3.5% to continue the effort to place therapists on the appropriate line of the salary schedule which was adopted May, 2007.
- Increased salaries and wages for all other employees by 2.0%.

γ Approved the request for an overnight student trip on May 6, 2010.

As part of the Life Skills/Community Curriculum, 7th and 8th grade students in instructional level classes within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program will spend two days and one night (May 6th and 7th) of supervised engagement in the community. The overnight will take place at a local hotel.

Discussion With Action

γ Other Personnel Action:

A. *Approved the following resolution for educational support staff:*

1) *Honorable Dismissal of six Educational Support Personnel Employees*

B. *Approved the following resolution for Non-Renewal of Grant Employees:*

1) *Non-Renewal of two Positive Intervention & Supports (PBIS) Grant Employees*

Discussion Without Action

γ Presentation

Julie Bay and Hiedi Santucci (Behavioral & Instructional Analysts for the Instructional Support Team and newly trained as RtI Coaches) reviewed the implementation of AIMsweb in SASED's programs. They presented data and charts of students' progress.

γ Communications

- Flier announcing the SASSED picnic. Dr. Volpe invited the Board to attend the picnic if they are available.

γ Administrative Updates

- Sam Cannata, Assistant Director for Business, relayed that he has been involved in 2010-2011 Budget preparations and Skyward software critiquing.
- Nan Diamond, Assistant Director for Program and Services, stated that the Administrators will finalize the five day training of RtI this week. This will be followed by a two day retreat.
- Lynn Schroeder, Assistant Director for Human Resources, relayed that her main focus has been screening applications and interviewing candidates for the Program Administrator's position for the Southeast Alternative School.

γ Administrative Procedures for Parent/Expert Visitation

The Leadership Team and the SASSED Program Administrators have developed procedures for parent/evaluator visitation to a SASSED operated program. The procedures and the form were provided for parents/evaluators to complete when requesting to evaluate a student or observe the student in the classroom.

γ Executive Director's Report

Special Education Task Force Report: In response to the Task Force report of *Analysis of and Policy Alternatives for Special Education Funding in Illinois* and in collaboration with Dr. Rita Stevenson of NDSEC, a response was submitted to both ISBE and LEND. Both cooperatives agreed with the major findings of:

- 1) Merging the three funding structures/categories: Private Facility, Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services (Extraordinary) and Students with Excess costs.
- 2) Reimburse school districts for students with greatest needs and generating the highest costs equally after expending 2 times per capita.

In addition, the two cooperatives strongly supported the immediate correction of the funding inequity (i.e., the Block Grant) that favors the Chicago Public Schools at the expense of all others.

State Mandates: Dr. Volpe, along with several member district superintendents, participated in an IASA meeting on March 26th to develop the DuPage response to the Blue Ribbon Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education Mandates. IASA and LEND responded to the charge of reviewing state mandates as follows:

- 1) Are the mandates necessary for the health and safety of students in compliance with federal laws?
- 2) Are the mandates essential to the academic integrity of Illinois public school systems?
- 3) Do the mandates exceed federal requirements?
- 4) Are the mandates superfluous to the core academic programs of Illinois school districts?

Brown Bag Meeting: On April 9th Dr. Madi Phillips, (Regional Coordinator for I-ASPIRE) presented to ten SASSED member district teams (45 staff members) on the recent guidance on special education eligibility procedures and criteria within an RtI framework.

SASED/DuPage ROE Sponsored RtI Showcase: SASED was one of several sponsors of the 1st Annual RtI showcase for DuPage County. The event was held on April 13th at NIU and opened with a key note address by Dr. Mark Shinn of National Lewis University and the Northern Illinois ASPIRE grant. The afternoon activities included breakout sessions on a variety of RtI implementation issues aimed at the different grade levels. A team from District 33 presented a split session on RtI with EC and RtI with Spanish speaking ELL students. The team from District 88 presented on a systemic approach to RtI and PBIS implementation. Our member districts were also well represented as members of a panel presentation on leadership for change and the new eligibility and entitlement procedures.

SASED Parent Advisory Council Meeting: The final Parent Advisory Council meeting of this school year was held on April 14th. It was well attended and the group was given presentations by Jennifer Volpe on *RtI in SASED and our Districts* and from Mary Brzezinski, IST on *Current Topics in Autism*. Dr. Volpe encouraged the Board to remind their district administrators to support this committee since this group functions as a support system and network and it ultimately serves to build community support for special education programming in our districts and within SASED.

Board Officers and Committee Seats: Dr. Volpe reminded the Board that the May 26th meeting will be the annual organizational meeting. At that time nomination and election of Board of Control officers and appointment of committee members will take place. He urged the members to consider continuing availability of those currently serving and the potential to serve of those not serving as an officer or a committee member.

Next Meeting - May 26, 2010.

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