



BOARD BRIEFS

June 24, 2009

Board accepted/approved:

□ **The Minutes:**

- γ *Minutes of:*
- May 27, 2009, regular meeting

□ **The Consent Agenda:**

- γ *Personnel Recommendations:* a) Resignations - 1 registered & 2 educational support staff
b) Appointments - 7 certified personnel for the 09-10 school year
c) Re-employment for 09-10 school year - 1 certified person
d) Extended School Year - Multi-Needs Program - 9 certified &
32 Educational Support Staff;
DuPage/West Cook Program - 30 certified &
46 Educational Support Program
- γ *Fiscal:* May, 2009 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports
May, 2009 - Treasurer's Report
May, 2009 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks
June 24, 2009 - Bills Payable
- γ *Authorized the Administration to release the July bills with retroactive approval by the Board in August*
- γ *Accepted the 2007-2008 Audit Report*
- γ *Approved maintaining the confidentiality of the closed session minutes from March 2003 to present*
- γ *Approved extending the summer transportation contract with First Student through August 15, 2009*
- γ *Approved the membership with Consortium for Educational Change for \$1,000.00*

□ **Employment of Assistant Director for Human Resources:**

The Board approved Lynn Schroeder as the Assistant Director for Human Resources replacing David Blatchley who resigned effective June 30, 2009. Mrs. Schroeder has been a math teacher, dean, assistant principal, principal and superintendent in a small district giving her the opportunity to gain general knowledge of human resource functions.

□ **Presentation - Multi-needs (MN) Action Plan Update:**

Sue Wisniewski, MN Program Administrator, and Shannon Cribaro, MN Program Coordinator, reported on the progress made in the first year of the MN Action Plan. Based on the comprehensive evaluation completed during the 07-08 school year, the program worked on the following goals:

- Increase opportunities for parental involvement with the program/district/cooperative
- Develop and distribute entrance and exit criteria regarding prospective students
- Develop an effective criteria for assigning and fading assistance from 1:1 education support personnel
- Develop systems to increase effective communication and relationships with host districts/schools
- Develop and implement procedures for the Extended School Year registration

The administrators were able to report that all goals were addressed and/or completed within expected timelines.

□ **Communication:**

- **SASED Overview *PowerPoint Handout*:** This SASED Overview was presented to the new board members and other district staff on June 16th. Dr. Volpe stated that the second session for those who could not attend in June will be held July 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the SASED Central Office.
- **Education Law Bulletin From the Law Firm of Franczek Radelet:** Supreme Court rejects school district's arguments in important special education case – the decision makes it easier for parents to be reimbursed for private school tuition for special education students even though the student may never have received special education and related services before.

□ **Director's Report:**

- **Juvenile Detention Center Funding of Educational Component:** Dr. Volpe noted that the Administration is currently working with attorney Jack Canna to develop an intergovernmental agreement with Community High School 94. District 94 is also obtaining an attorney. The new agreement will be shared with the new Superintendent. Finalization of an agreement may be delayed while the new Superintendent transitions to the district.
- **SASED Extended School Year (ESY):** The Multi-needs ESY Program started on June 23rd with a record number of students (approximately 260) enrolled.
 - District and Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities students at Prairieview Elementary (15 classes)
 - Multi-needs students at Southeast School (18 classes)
 - Transition students @ Transition Center, Westmont (21 students)
 - STARS Program @ Hillcrest Elementary (7 students) (This class will follow Downers Grove Grade School District 58's Program - June 15 through July 23rd)

The Administration expressed their gratitude to Dr. Tiede, Superintendent of Center Cass School District 66 for making space available for the ESY Program.

- **AT & T Telephone & Paging Project:** The project was launched to improve security for students and staff at the Southeast Alternative School. The updated equipment and capabilities are vital components of our mandated School Emergency Preparedness Plan. New telephones with both incoming and outgoing capability were installed in each classroom and student area. All phones are equipped with an “Emergency Button” in case of an intruder or other emergency and will alert everyone in the entire building including the Central Office area.

- **SASED Satisfaction Survey Summary:** Dr. Volpe shared the results of the SASED Teacher and Staff (other certified or registered) Survey. A total of 62 teachers and 46 staff responded. The teacher assistants will be included in subsequent Satisfaction Surveys.

□ **Recognition:**

Dr. Diane Cody was recognized with a plaque in grateful appreciation for her service and dedication to SASED and the students we serve. Dr. Cody has served on the Board since 2003 to the present. She has accepted another position as superintendent in a southern Cook County district.

□ **Next Meeting - August 26, 2009. Note no July meeting.**

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