



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**

The following information was distributed:

- Flier announcing the PH/VI Transition House on October 7th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Access to District Improvement Plan by ISBE.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Solomon welcomed the Board and guests.

## **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Dr. Carol Auer moved and her motion was seconded by Patrick Duffy to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2008, and the Closed Session Minutes of August 20, 2008.***

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

***Dr. Diane Cody moved and her motion was seconded by Patrick Duffy to approve the following consent agenda:***

***A. The Personnel Recommendations (Exhibit 1)***

***a) Resignations/Terminations: 5 educational support personnel***

***b) Appointments: 2 certificated & 19 educational support personnel***

***c) Re-employment: 3 certificated personnel***

***B. The Revenue/Expenditure Reports – August, 2008***

***C. The Treasurer's Report - August, 2008***

***D. The Gross Payroll - August, 2008 - \$515,870.29 & the Interim Checks - August, 2008 - \$331,025.89***

***E. The Bills Payable – September 17, 2008 - \$1,132,734.46***

***F. The Voided Checks – (\$753.67)***

Roll Call Vote: Aye:

Winfield School District #34  
Westmont Community Unit School District #201  
Keeneyville School District #20  
Benjamin School District #25  
School District #45, DuPage County  
Salt Creek School District #48  
Downers Grove Grade School District #58  
Maercker District #60  
Cass School District #63  
Woodridge School District #68  
DuPage High School District #88  
Community High School District #94  
Community High School District #99  
Lisle Community Unit School District #202

Nay:

None

Absent:

West Chicago Elementary School District #33

Center Cass School District #66

Community Consolidated School District #180

Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205

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

**6. DISCUSSION WITHOUT ACTION**

A. Presentations:

Extended School Year (ESY) Programs:

Richard Laren, Coordinator for the Multi Needs/Alternative ESY Program, gave a slide presentation of the ESY program. He noted that this is the first year the Alternative School students have attended the program. The program served 236 students (an increase of 60 over last year) in twenty-nine different classrooms with a staff of 172. Mr. Laren stated the theme for the program was Olympic Summer but the focus of the instruction was to maintain the students' status towards their IEP goals. Evaluation surveys were sent to the parents with fifty-eight returned. Most were very complimentary with several requesting a longer day and some requesting a separate class to serve students with Autism. This was a twenty-two day program with students attending from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. One field day was arranged by SEASPAR at Catalpo Park. Mr. Laren also made arrangements for two field trips with a forest ranger at Herrick Lake which was a tremendous success.

Joan Allison and Joyce Zimmerman, Coordinators for the Low Incidence ESY Program, also gave a slide presentation. The Low Incidence ESY program served 92 districts. This year 165 students (an increase of 25 over last year) attended the program. The three hours per day, five days per week program was held from July 7, 2008, through August 1, 2008. The Coordinators stated that this year's program focused on Buggy for Reading. The parent surveys returned were mostly positive with several requesting a longer day. It was noted that the ESY program is a wonderful training ground with some of the teacher assistants/helpers returning as regular term teacher assistants or teachers after completion of the required course work and college.

Southeast Alternative School Action Plan Update:

Larry Solomon, Program Administrator for the Southeast Alternative School, reviewed the Southeast Alternative School Action Plan Update which was developed as a result of the Southeast Alternative Program evaluation that took place during the 2006-2007 school year. Areas noted for improvement and timelines met or to be met and identifying responsible person(s) were:

1. Goal 1 - Continuous Professional Improvement and Capacity Building for Each Member

- a) Train Teachers in Curriculum Alignment and Mapping
  - b) Develop Partnerships with SASSED Member District Teachers
  - c) Create Collaboration Meeting Format and Schedule
  - d) Develop Training Program for All Support Staff
2. Goal 2 - Continuously Improve Programs and Services for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
- a) Develop Parent/Family Training Programs
  - b) Improve Communication between Families and Home District
  - c) Explore Current Structures for Administration and BMS (Behavior Management Specialists)
  - d) Develop Extended School Year Program
  - e) Develop Facilities to Accommodate Growth in Programming
3. Goal 3 - Continuously Expand the Integration of Research Based Practices and Community Resources into Instruction
- a) Expand the Use of Assistive Technology
  - b) Investigate the Need to Expand Transition Services to Students
  - c) Improve Mental Health Services and Supports for Students

### **Communications:**

- 1) A letter from Sraga, Engler and Boyle, L.L.C. informing of the professional affiliation with the attorneys of Hauser, Izzo, DeTella & Petrarca, L.L.C. to form the new law firm of Sraga Hauser, L.L.C.
- 2) The Agenda for the District Administrators' Meeting on September 19, 2008.
- 3) The announcement of the open house of the remodeled and expanded Vision and Physically Handicapped Transition Facility at 825 N. Cass Avenue, Suite 117, Westmont, IL on October 7, 2008.

### **Director's Report:**

Dr. Michael Volpe shared/reported on the following:

#### **γ Orientation Day:**

- Dr. Volpe has created an article for the SASSED website which reviews the content and activities of the day and which links to a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the staff and our "Years of Service Award" recipients. He encouraged all Board members to take a few moments to visit the SASSED website and review the Orientation Day events that kicked-off the school year and SASSED's fiftieth anniversary.

#### **γ Enrollment:**

- The total SASSED student count as of 9/8/08 was 467 with the program enrollment breakdowns as follows:
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PK-8) - 147\*
  - Visually Impaired (PK - 12) - 79\*
  - Physically Impaired (9-12) - 12\*
  - Multi-Needs - PK - 12) - 107
  - Southeast Alternative School (1-12) - 98
  - Autism (2-4) – 8

- Transition - 16\*

\* Enrollments include SASSED member districts' and DuPage/West Cook districts'

**γ Special Education Procedures:**

The recently revised ISBE Regulations for Special Education Services procedures were distributed as created by the Illinois Council of School Attorneys' Special Education Committee (Terry Engler from SASSED's legal firm participated on this committee). Dr. Volpe is in the process of checking to see if SASSED's member districts want to approve these as is or revise them and also whether districts want to individually approve them or have the SASSED Board of Control do so and submit them on behalf of the districts.

**γ District Improvement Plans and Rtl:**

Dr. Volpe reported that after being in communication with Marty Wolfley at ISBE, he has copied for the Board the information concerning the District Improvement Plans and Rtl from the ISBE website which he distributed for members to take back to their districts.

**γ Presentation to District 68:**

Dr. Volpe stated that the Administration presented the SASSED overview to the Board of Education of Woodridge School District 68 on August 25th.

**7. ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE JUNE 25, 2008, BOARD MEETING:**

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| • September 17    | District 201 Facilities Committee Meeting                   |
| • September 19    | SASED District Administrator Meeting                        |
| • September 23    | LEND Meeting  |
| • September 23    | Negotiations/Non-Certified Unit                             |
| • September 23-26 | IAASE Conference – Tinley Park                              |
| • September 24    | Easter Seals Board Meeting                                  |
| • September 30    | Negotiations/Non-Certified Unit                             |
| • October 1       | SASED Program Administrators Meeting                        |
| • October 7       | SASED/IEA Meeting (Certified)                               |
| • October 14      | PBIS State Leadership Team Meeting – Springfield            |
| • October 15      | SASED Parent Advisory Council Meeting                       |
| • October 21      | Project CHOICES State Leadership Team Meeting - Springfield |

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

***Dr. Carol Auer moved and her motion was seconded by Patrick Duffy to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and bargaining.***

Roll Call Vote:

Aye:

- Keeneyville School District #20
- Westmont Community Unit School District #201
- Benjamin School District #25
- Winfield School District #34
- School District #45, DuPage County
- Salt Creek School District #48
- Downers Grove Grade School District #58
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Nay:  
None

Absent:  
*West Chicago Elementary School District #33  
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Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205*

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

***Dr. Carol Auer moved and her motion was seconded by Julia Beckman to return to regular session.***

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Closed session convened at 8:04 p.m.  
Regular session reconvened at 9:25 p.m.***

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

***Dr. Carol Auer moved and her motion was seconded by Julia Beckman to adjourn this meeting.***

**VOICE VOTE  
(Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Marshall J. Schmitt, Chairperson

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Patrick D. Duffy, Secretary