



BOARD BRIEFS

October 22, 2008, Meeting

ACTION ITEMS

Board accepted/approved:

The Minutes:

- γ *Minutes of:*
 - *September 17, 2008, regular meeting*
 - *September 17, 2008, closed session*

The Consent Agenda:

- γ *Personnel Issues:*
 - *Personnel Recommendations:*
 - a) *Resignations: 1 certificated & 1 educational support personnel*
 - b) *Appointments: 1 certificated & 8 educational support personnel*
 - c) *Change in Employment Status of Staff: 1 teacher assistant to a teacher*
- γ *Fiscal: September, 2008 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports*
 - September, 2008 - Treasurer's Reports*
 - September, 2008 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks*
 - October 22, 2008 - Bills Payable*
- γ *Adoption of Procedures for Special Education Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities on behalf of SASED and its eighteen member districts. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) and the Illinois State Regulations for Implementation of the Act (23 Illinois Administrative Code Part 226) require all school districts and/or cooperatives to submit procedures for implementing the regulations.*

PRESENTATION

Christine DiRienzo, Program Administrator for the Transition Program, gave an informative PowerPoint presentation of the SASED Transition Program. The federal and State regulations require that transition planning for students with disabilities must be in effect by the time a student reaches 14½ with services offered up to age 22. She explained that transition services is a

coordination of activities for the student focusing on academic and functional achievements. The goal is to facilitate movement from school to adult life in post secondary education, employment and vocational training, independent living and adult services. SASED operates two transition sites: one located in Westmont for students with physical and visual disabilities and the other in Downers Grove serving students with multiple disabilities.

DISCUSSION WITHOUT ACTION

Communications:

- A flier announcing the first annual SASED Bowl-Out on Thursday, November 13th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Tivoli Bowl in Downers Grove.
- The Parents' Advisory Council agenda for the meeting held on October 15, 2008. Dr. Volpe stated that there was good attendance and great participation by the parents.
- An email from the ROE regarding RtI and the meetings with the special education cooperatives in DuPage County to discuss collaboration and (1) identify needs, common threads and strands throughout DuPage, (2) to identify resources and best practices available to assist schools, (3) identify gaps and (4) discuss connecting available resources to the needs of DuPage County school districts.

Strategic Plan - Quarterly Update:

The quarterly update of the SASED Strategic Plan was presented. All activities are on target.

Director's Report:

- Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) Conference: Dr. Volpe reported that SASED districts were well represented. He also announced that he was honored by being appointed to Chair the IAASE statewide committee on Transition. As part of Dr. Volpe's responsibilities, he will also become a voting member of the IAASE Board of Directors.
- Transition Program's Open House: Over 60 people came to the Open House at the Westmont location on October 7th. Christine DiRienzo and the Transition staff were wonderful hosts and provided visitors with a tour of the facilities as well as an explanation of the program and services.
- IEP: The SASED IEP forms, now used by 17 of our member districts, have been updated and are in compliance with the ISBE regulations for special education (finalized by ISBE in 2007 for implementation of IDEA 2004) as well as being consistent with the new Special Education Implementing Procedures adopted at this meeting.
- Early Childhood Curriculum: After a year's worth of committee work, all SASED Early Childhood programs have adopted Creative Curriculum for full implementation this school year. Training began at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and is continuing through a partnership with Starnet.
- Principals' Roundtable: Principals from all schools hosting SASED programs were invited to a luncheon meeting at NIU in Naperville on October 23rd. Only a few responded that

they would attend. The Administration was disappointed in the number of responses. The next planned meeting will be scheduled for a different time of the day with the district superintendents being notified with the intent that they will encourage the principals to attend.

- Southeast Alternative School's Emergency Plan Review: As required by House Bill 2639, school districts/special education cooperatives that operate a program at its site must verify that they have conducted the appropriate procedure and have an emergency plan in place to its board. As noted, on October 8, 2008, Larry Solomon, Principal of the Southeast Alternative School, and Sam Cannata, Assistant Director for Business Operations, conducted the required Emergency Plan Review meeting with representatives from the Naperville Fire Department and the DuPage County Sheriff's Department. Although the plan for the Southeast Alternative School was acceptable, the Administration decided to rewrite the plan for the 2009-2010 school year.

This effort will allow the Southeast School to become National Incident Management System (NIMS) certified. The certification will offer the opportunity to apply for school safety grants and, in case of a major disaster, will allow the school to potentially access Disaster Relief Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders (TECBD): Jennifer Volpe, the SASED Professional Development and RtI Liaison, has been asked to present at the 32nd Annual Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders (TECBD) Conference in Tempe, Arizona on November 17-19, 2008. She will be presenting on Perspectives on Response to Intervention for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders. Mrs. Volpe's leadership in the area of RtI and Problem Solving has gained her statewide recognition.

DISCUSSION WITH ACTION

A. SASED Education and Board of Control Bargaining Agreement

The Board ratified the agreement between the School Association for Special Education DuPage Education Association and the Board of Control of School Association for Special Education DuPage for the FY 2009 through FY 2013. The SASED IEA-NEA ratified this agreement on October 16, 2008. The SASED IEA-NEA represents all full-time and part-time certified teachers, school nurses, speech language pathologists, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and behavior management specialists.

B. Vision Program Request for Overnight Travel

The Board approved the overnight travel request for the Vision Program to participate in a Goal Ball tournament at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) in Jacksonville, Illinois on November 5th and 6th.

C. Items Tabled for a Subsequent Meeting

- FY 09 Salary Recommendations
- The Executive Director's Contract

γNext Meeting - November 19, 2008 Please contact Dr. Michael Volpe at 630/778-4500 with any questions.