



BOARD BRIEFS

December 17, 2008, Meeting

Board accepted/approved:

The Minutes:

- γ *Minutes of:*
 - November 19, 2008, regular meeting
 - November 19, 2008, closed session

Consent Agenda:

- γ *Personnel Issues:*
 - *Personnel Recommendations:*
 - a) *Resignations: 1 certified (retiring 6/15/13) & 1 educational support personnel*
 - b) *Appointments: 5 educational support personnel*

- γ *Fiscal: November, 2008 - Revenue/Expenditure Reports*
 - November, 2008 - Treasurer's Reports*
 - November, 2008 - Gross Payroll & Interim Checks*
 - December 17, 2008 - Bills Payable*

- γ *Adopted the resolution to amend the 403 (b) Plan Document which revises the employer's responsibilities for monitoring activities in 403(b) plans as directed by IRS.*

Discussion Without Action:

- A memorandum from Elizabeth Hanselman, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Support Services from ISBE, highlighting the changes to the final regulations for IDE was discussed. Of considerable importance and impact were those regulations clarifying Parental Consent, Hearing Rights and Monitoring and Enforcement. Dr. Volpe reported that this information has been shared with the district administrators.

Director's Report:

- SASED/ROE Collaboration on RtI Grant: As a follow-up of last month's report, the ROE/ CASE/NDSEC/SASED grant proposal has been submitted and grant awards are expected to be made after the first of the year. With only twenty slots open for the entire northern region of the state, it is unlikely that the DuPage consortium will be granted all of its 10 requested seats. For this reason, SASED is exploring the potential of hiring a full time External Coach whose services would become a Menu item this spring for districts to request.
- PLC: Each SASED Program Administrator was given a copy of the book *Learning by Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work*. On December 2nd they met in small groups to discuss the PLC concepts and constructs and to consider the issues facing their application in SASED. There is consensus among the administrators that this will be of great benefit to SASED's programs and students, however there will be a significant challenge to create models for implementation. The administrators are planning on visiting Adlai E. Stevenson High School to observe PLCs in action. The Board will continue to hear of the progress through the quarterly update of the Strategic Plan.
- Business Software: Currently, SDS is the current business office software and General ASP was brought into the HR Department two years ago for applicant tracking. There is a growing need for greater functionality and interaction between the departments and also to look at systems to address emerging needs (ex., staff check-in, check-out systems). The Administration has focused its attention on three options at this time: Skyward, SIS/Tyler, and SDS but is also open to other suggestions. The Board will be informed of the Administration's investigation and final recommendation.
- ISAT/IAA: Last year 120 third through eighth grade students enrolled in SASED (and D/WC) programs took the ISAT. Of that group we received results/scores for only 23 students (19%). An additional 92 students took the IAA. We received 42 of those results, which accounts for approximately 46% of the students who took the exam. SASED wants to be able to analyze the test data to improve instruction and learning as well as being supportive of the home districts of our students in their efforts to make AYP (Average Yearly Progress). The ISBE has not found a solution to our need to access the SIS system to identify our students and their tests needs, so we have reached out to each district we serve and have had personal communication regarding their students enrolled in SASED's programs. Districts are encouraged, if the opportunity arises, to advocate with ISBE on SASED's behalf for this request.
- Triple I Conference: Dr. Volpe reported that he attended interesting sessions and had networking Opportunities. Of the personal highlight was being inducted into the Educational League of Illinois (ELI). He thanked the Board for their support of his attendance at this event.

Discussion With Action:

A. The Assistant Directors' Contracts:

The contracts for Sam Cannata, Nan Diamond, and David Blatchley effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, were approved.

B. First Reading of Policies:

The Governance Committee met prior to the Board of Control meeting to review policies. There were no policies for the Board to consider at this meeting but first reading will be held in January on several policies.

C. The Application for Waiver of State Board Rules:

The Board approved the Application for Waiver or Modification of Rules to ISBE and ultimately the Illinois General Assembly. This waiver was requested by the SASSED Evaluation Committee and if approved will allow SASSED to modify its current teacher evaluation rating system to a two-tier model (meets/exceeds or does not meet) for up to the next five year.

Next Meeting - January 28, 2009

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