

To: Cooperative Board Members
CC: Tim Miller
From: Maggie Nelson
Re: April 26, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order by Board Chair

Board Chair, Lance Pearson was not in attendance. Bob Moore, acting Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06. Attending: Bob Moore, Bud Scully, Carrie Kouba, Loyd Rennaker, Tim Miller and Maggie Nelson.

2. Staff Representative:

Terese Athman, Speech Language Pathologist

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – March 22, 2016

B. Warrants – April 2016

C. Financial Report April 2016

D. Next Meeting---The May meeting will be held May 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the cooperative office building.

Bud Scully motioned to approve consent agenda as presented. Carrie Kouba seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

4. Public Comment

Terese Athman, SLP, discussed the change in Medicaid billing for Special Ed services and the positive effects it has had on their billing process. She stated she went to a national convention this past fall and BVEC is far ahead of billing procedures and software compared to other schools nationwide. She stated the process is smooth and expedient for staff. She also expressed her thanks to the co-op for bringing this billing system to special education staff.

5. Correspondence

A. Letter of Appreciation –

1. Rebecca Mann, CSCT Therapist, Hamilton MS
2. Liz Pepion, CSCT Therapist, Darby Elementary

Tim Miller stated the letters of appreciation were to reinforce the great job our staff is doing within their districts. Loyd Rennaker stated Rebecca Mann is a great example of being fully integrated for all students in the school, not just those she works with on a frequent basis.

6. Board Action

A. Resignation from Amy Elliott, CSCT Therapist, Stevensville High School

Miller placed this resignation under action asking the Board to waive the contract penalty fee as her resignation was medically induced and accept her resignation effective immediately. Scully motioned to accept the resignation of Amy Elliott and waive penalty for breaking contract. Kouba seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

B. Contract Renewals for Licensed and Non Licensed Staff under CBA

Miller recommended the Board approve contract renewals for the 2016-2017 school year for Licensed and Non-licensed staff under the collective bargaining agreement. Scully motioned to approved staff contracts as presented. Kouba seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

C. Contract Renewals for Coaches/Trainers

Miller recommended the Board approved contracts for the 2016-2017 school year for MTSS (RTI/MBI) Coach and Suicide Prevention/MTSS/CSCT Coach as listed on the Agenda. Kouba motioned to approved contracts as presented. Scully seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

D. Rehire Classified Staff in CSCT Program

Miller recommended rehiring classified CSCT positions for the 2016-2017 school year. Also stated the other classified positions will be submitted for rehire at a later meeting. Rennaker motioned to approve hiring CSCT classified staff as presented. Kouba seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

7. Information and Discussion

A. FY 2015 Audit Report

The financial audit was emailed out on April 18, 2016 for review, official copies were available at the meeting. There were no findings in the audit.

B. Update on Special Education Legislative Funding Proposal

Miller updated the Board on the process of the Legislative Funding Proposal. He will send out to districts some information to be used in drafting a letter for the legislative committee to read regarding the impact this bill would bring to individual districts. A timeline of events to come will also be forthcoming. This bill could mean an increase in state Special Education dollars to districts which would in turn, create a reduction in costs from districts to the co-op.

C. CSCT Summer Program Vehicle Use

Miller discussed the importance of district vehicle use to CSCT staff during the summer months and asked that districts try and work with co-op staff to allow district vehicle use.

D. Legal Update-Homebound Services

Miller reviewed a legal case file regarding homebound services and a school districts responsibilities. He recommended districts not wait too long to take affirmative action to ensure outside evaluations are completed timely.

10. Adjourn

Scully motions to adjourn at 10:00. Kouba seconded.

Clerk's Signature

Board Chair's Signature