

**LINCOLN-WAY AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION
Joint Agreement District 843**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting, April 24, 2018

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Special Education, Will County, Illinois, held at Pioneer Grove Educational Center, 601 Willow Street, Frankfort, IL 60423, at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of April, 2018.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

Roll Call

Present: Ron Lullo (District #210), Edie Adamski (District #157C), Rich Marron (District #161), Terry Doyle (District #114), Anna Briscoe (District #159)

Staff Present: Sarah Rexroad, Director
Kristin Menconi, Administrative Assistant

Visitors Present: Sue Kaczmarczyk, Principal, Pioneer Grove
Judy Boyens, Supervisor
Marie Goulet, Principal, Mackay
Carolyn Brescia, Transportation Supervisor
Dawn Roiland, Teacher
Holly Kasper, Teacher

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Acting on the recommendation of the Director, Terry Doyle moved, seconded by Edie Adamski for the Governing Board to ratify the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of the March 20, 2018, Regular and Closed Session Minutes
2. Approval of Financial Statement
3. Approval of Current Payables *
4. Approval of Personnel Items

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Lullo

Voting Present: Marron

Motion carried: 4 Aye, 1 Present

D. REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports

a. ACCESS & Transportation- Carolyn Brescia

Ms. Brescia stated that ACCESS went to LW Central to watch the performance of Beauty and the Beast and two students performed. The students have recently been learning how to order their own food and pay independently at restaurants. The students are doing a great job. At Anna McDonald students went to Flying High Sports Rec on a field trip that their teacher won at the LWASE Foundation Bowling Fundraiser. Ms. Brescia shared that DLM testing has been completed. The Wilson Creek students had an assembly with author, Amy Logan, who wrote *A Girl with a Cape*. On Friday, the students observed Earth Day and went on a cleanup walk on the Waubonsee Trail. Ms. Brescia stated that the first graders have a music program this evening.

b. Mackay Center- Marie Goulet

Ms. Goulet shared that the students completed the Illinois Science Assessment and the SATs. The freshman and sophomore students went on a field trip to the Museum of Science of Industry. On

April 13th there was a random drug search that went well. Ms. Goulet stated that some of the students had community service at Peace Lutheran Church this month.

c. Pioneer Grove & PSO- Sue Kaczmarczyk

Mrs. Kaczmarczyk stated that Home Depot came to Pioneer Grove and did a craft with the students. DLM testing is just about complete. Mrs. Kaczmarczyk shared that the Traveling Players will be coming to put on a show on Thursday for the students. Pioneer Grove will host a Mother's Day Tea on May 4th. Some Mackay students will come to serve the parents, and the students are going to make a craft with their mother. Mrs. Kaczmarczyk stated that the PSO is putting on a skating party on Sunday, and they have received over 70 responses so far. Mrs. Kaczmarczyk shared that Nurse Nancy Antonini was awarded a national award and the Illinois Superintendent, Tony Smith, will be coming to Pioneer Grove on May 10th from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

d. SELF- Judy Boyens

Dr. Boyens stated that on April 6th students and staff went on a field trip to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora where one student had a major break through. PARCC testing was completed and the students were encouraged to do their best. Dr. Boyens shared that she met with 157C Hickory Creek Administration today about end of the year activities. Dr. Boyens stated that ESY enrollment is currently at 61 students.

2. Finance Report

a. Review of Accounts

Mrs. Rexroad shared that account balances are healthy. When looking at the year to year comparison for March, there is a significant difference where we are currently because of the timing of grant money, and expenditures and reimbursements going out. Mr. Marron asked if the Coop has cash to operate this summer without billing the member districts. Mrs. Rexroad stated that she is confident the Coop will have the cash, and will let the board know more details soon.

3. Director's Report

a. Review of Advisory Committee Minutes – March 12, 2018

Mrs. Rexroad presented the minutes from the March 12, 2018, Advisory Meeting.

b. Staff & Classroom Update

Mrs. Rexroad reviewed the enrollment in the programs.

Pioneer Grove:	58
Mackay Center:	46
SELF:	29
ACCESS:	14
Transportation:	567

c. Technology Report

Mrs. Rexroad stated that Mr. Furgason is working with getting the VoiceOver IP in place. He should be wrapping up the Tyler online registration for parents for ESY within the next week or two.

d. Staffing for 2018-19

Mrs. Rexroad discussed the chart that was passed out for the meeting in regards to hiring a bookkeeper and business manager. Mr. Marron asked Mrs. Rexroad when she was aware that District #210 would no longer be providing a transportation supervisor. Mrs. Rexroad stated that conversations are currently taking place, but no final decision has been made. Mr. Marron stated that this is in conflict with what Dr. Tingley stated in an email to the member district Superintendent's that this contract was approved by District #210's board. Mr. Lullo stated that this has been discussed, but not approved by their board.

e. FMLA

There were none.

- f. FOIA
There were none.

E. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Terry Doyle to move to closed session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees.
B. Litigation**

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski to return to open session at 7:41 p.m. On voice vote the motion carried.

F. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marron asked if the Board would like to discuss District #161. Mr. Marron shared that at a recent set of meetings, discussions have been had about District #161's participation in the Coop. Mr. Marron stated that the culture of District #843 does not match what he believes District #161's culture is. At District #161's board meeting on April 11th, Mr. Marron made a motion to permit his Superintendent to draft a letter to District #843. Mr. Marron stated that District #161's Board meeting is tomorrow with public comment at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Adamski asked if his Board discussed this topic and the letter in closed session. Mr. Marron said that would not be permissible to discuss in closed session. Mr. Marron requested that if there are further questions regarding this topic to contact him.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Amend the 2017-2018 School Calendar

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Terry Doyle that the Governing Board amend the 2017-18 school calendar as presented.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Calendar Adoption for 2018-2019 School Year

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the Governing Board approve calendar for the 2018-19 school year.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

3. Summer Work Hours

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Terry Doyle that the Governing Board approve the summer working hour schedule to include Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday closed, effective June 8, 2018 to July 27, 2018.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Lullo

Voting Nay: Marron

Motion carried: 4 Aye, 1 Nay

4. IMRF Authorized Agent

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Tammy Pitts as our authorized agent for IMRF.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

5. Salary Increases for Educational Support Staff

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the Governing Board approve the salary increases for Educational support staff at a rate of 2.1%.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

6. Contracts for Administrative Staff

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the Governing Board approve the Administrative staff contracts as presented.

An amended motion was made by Rich Marron to remove the retirement benefits under sections 13b that require 5% raises for 4 years if they give notice. The motion does not pass.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Lullo

Voting Nay: Marron

Motion carried: 4 Aye, 1 Nay

7. Employee Separation from Service

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the Governing Board approve the employee separation agreement as presented.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Lullo

Voting Nay: Marron

Motion carried: 4 Aye, 1 Nay

8. Consultative Services Agreement

A motion was made by Terry Doyle and seconded by Anna Briscoe that the Governing Board approve consultative services agreement as presented.

Voting Aye: Adamski, Briscoe, Doyle, Marron, Lullo

Motion carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

I. NEXT MEETING

May 22, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Pioneer Grove Educational Center

J. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anna Briscoe and seconded by Edie Adamski that the meeting be adjourned. All members voted Aye. Motion carried. President Lullo declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Menconi,
Administrative Assistant

President

Secretary