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BOARD BRIEFS

August 29, 2008

The August meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, August 29, 2008, in the District 89 Board Room.

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes of the June 27, 2008 Regular Session;
- July and August Accounts Payable and Payrolls;
- Estimated September Accounts Payable and Payrolls;
- Treasurer's Reports;
- Resignations of Rebecca Kasper and Kerric Shambo;
- Increase in hours for Program Assistants assigned to District 87: Sharon Caliendo, Jennifer Durr, Susan Kozi, Anna McCuen, Diane McGowan, Kusum Mehta, Kathleen Morris, Maureen Novak, Kirti Shah, and Kimberly White.
- Employment of Dama Avila, Jonathan Bacheller, Karen Belich, Margaret Bilder, Domini DiMaggio, Vittoria Glidewell, Isabel Goldberg, Jill Jablonski, Maribeth Rossini, and Colleen Misdorn for the 2008-2009 school year;
- Tenure or tenure-equivalent status for Kaellyn Arch, Leadene Loconte, and Joyce Barrett effective at the start of the 2008-09 school year;
- That minutes from the May 23, 2008 Closed Session remain closed;
- Two change orders for the construction at Glenwood.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR FUTURE BOARD APPROVAL

Ms. Peceniak reported some transportation problems at the start of the school year, and that C.A.S.E. continues to work with Septran to resolve them.

In response to a question, Ms. Peceniak replied that C.A.S.E. has a one-year contract extension with Septran. The Board expressed a desire to go out for bid for a new transportation contract this year and determined that action should be taken in October. Ms. Peceniak will find out what bus companies other coops are using.

Also in response to a question, Ms. Peceniak reported that the current contract includes financial consequences to the bus company when terms of the contract are not met for a period of time.

Also in response to a question, Ms. Peceniak stated that bus drivers are given training and that C.A.S.E. provided an inservice for drivers regarding autistic children.

Ms. Peceniak reported that the summer construction at Glenwood is mostly completed resulting in more usable space and a professional appearance. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the September 19, 2008 Board Meeting at Glenwood.

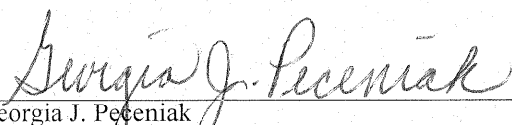
Ms. Peceniak reported that Mr. Nelson has developed a very comprehensive Fall Staff Development Program.

Ms. Peceniak advised that the principal and a teacher at Glenwood received a PEP Grant to create parent groups.

Ms. Peceniak announced that C.A.S.E. counsel, Sruga, Engler, and Boyle L.L.C., is merging with Hauser, Izzo, DeTalla and Petrarca, L.L.C. to form the firm, Sruga Hauser, LLC. The new firm has a greater field of expertise. The board will need to take action in September to accept the new firm.

A closed session was held for the purpose of collective bargaining. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Recipients of this notice may request more information on any of these topics by calling C.A.S.E. at 630-942-5600.



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