

CASE BOARD BRIEFS
February 4, 2022

The February 2022 business meeting of the Cooperative Association for Special Education Executive Board was held on Friday, February 4, 2022 via Zoom meeting. The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes, December 10, 2021, Regular Session;
2. Approval of December 2021 and January 2022 Accounts Payable and Payroll Summary and Projected Payroll February 2022;
3. TRS Supplemental Savings Plan, Employer Participation Agreement;
4. Personnel;

Employment;

- Katherine “Katie” Keleher, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, assigned to Marquardt School District #15, at a 0.56 FTE for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. This position is necessary to fill a vacancy.
- Carol Voss, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Marquardt School District #15, at a 0.54 FTE for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. This position is necessary to fill a vacancy;
- Yolanda Witherspoon, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Marquardt School District #15, at a 0.45 FTE for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year. This position is necessary to fill a vacancy;

Resignation;

- Donald Duncan, Program Aide, resigned with his last day of employment on December 17, 2021.
- LaQuesha Little, Program Aide, has resigned with her last day of employment on January 14, 2022.

Retirement

- Marguerite Hendzel, Special Education Teacher, assigned to Marquardt School District #15, has submitted her resignation letter with plans to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS APPROVED

A. CASE Policies and Procedures, Second Read for Adoption

- 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board;
- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban;
- 2:220 Board of Directors Meeting Procedure;
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure;
- 3:40 Executive Director;
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Executive Director;
- 4:60 Purchased and Contracts;
- 4:80 Accounting and Audits;
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds;
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors;

- 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Fingerprint-Based Criminal Background Check and/or Screening; Notifications;
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment;
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited;
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria;
- 5:50 Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition;
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting;
- 5:100 Staff Development Program;
- 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest;
- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media, Conduct and Usage;
- 5:150 Maintenance and Access to Records;
- 5:185 Family and Medical Leave;
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal;
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers;
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence;
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves;
- 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities;
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited;
- 7:60 Residence;
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment;
- 7:190 Student Behavior;
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention;
- 7:340 Student Records;
- 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security;
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities;
- 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

B. FY2021 CASE Financial Audit

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR FUTURE BOARD APPROVAL

2022-2023 PRELIMINARY INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

Steve Smidl provided a copy of the report and presented on the 2022-2023 Preliminary Insurance Renewal Rates.

CASE Seniority List 2021-2022

A copy of the report was provided.

REVIEW CASE ORGANIZATION PLAN

Dr. Furbush presented on Phase One of the Strategic Plan and the Board outlined next steps. A planning meeting will be scheduled before the March Board meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Instructional Support Team



IST members Emma Harris, Tracy Kunce, and Sarah Jeziorny present to SPAC classroom teachers and paraprofessionals at Reskin Elementary School (D15) on Insight Day January 14, 2022. Featured topics include sensory interventions, learning through structured play, strategies for assistive technology, and promoting executive functioning. The team also completed a Total Room Makeover including room redesign and schedule revision for the primary classroom.

Hearing Itinerant Services



Jalesa Medrano



Sofia

Laura Bauer and Jill Lauer, CASE Hearing Itinerants, support students who placed first and second place in the National Cheerleading competition in Tampa, Florida last month! Both students compete for the Leyden Bears Cheer team in different age divisions. Jill's student is Jalesa Medrano, 4th-grader at River Grove with double cochlear implants whose team took second place in her division. Laura's student is Sofia Violante, a 7th-grader in Glendale Heights who is deaf in one ear whose team took first place in her division. Fantastic effort by both girls!

CASE SEL Strategies for Students

Dr. Matt Epperley works with Black Hawk Elementary (D15) administrators Kim Roberts (Principal) and Cody Battaglia (Assistant Principal) to facilitate staff discussions on student behaviors and strategies to better support students.



CASE Social Work Team



Corsina Martinez (Social Worker at Marquardt Middle School D15) leads an after school “Window Art” group. The students volunteer to display their artistic talents for teachers who want a splash of color on their windows.

Hearing Itinerant Services

Assistive Technology at Work

Reimagining Special Education Technology

Lessons From the Pandemic

Randy Wooten, Alexandra Giosta, and Sarah Howorth

Alex Giosta, CASE Hearing Itinerant, co-authored an article titled, *Reimagining Special Education Technology: Lessons for the Pandemic*. This article was written for The Innovations in Special Education Technology (ISET) division of the Council for Exceptional Children. The article is just one example of how Alex continues to think outside the box to provide her students with access to their education. Here is a link to the article, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00400599211063671>

A Closed Session was held for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

The next meeting of the CASE Board of Directors will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. Recipients of this notice may request more information on any of these topics by calling CASE at 630-942-5600.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "mfurbush", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Mary Furbush
Executive Director