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BOARD BRIEFS

Friday, November 1, 2013

The November meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, November 1, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at C.A.S.E.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes for October 4, 2013, Regular and Closed Session;
2. Approval of October and November Accounts Payable and October Payroll and Projected Payroll for November, 2013;
3. Treasurer's Report for August and September, 2013;
4. Personnel;

Employment;

- Cynthia Sierra, Program Assistant/Medical assigned to CCSD 93, at 1.0 FTE, for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year. This position is necessary in order to meet IEP requirements.
- Dena Jason, Physical Therapist Assistant, contracted through Providastaff, LLC, assigned to Districts 16, 41, 93, 87, and Glenwood. This position is necessary to cover an employee on restricted duty.

Change in Assignment;

- Reiley Bechtold, Reception/Administration Assistant to Payroll/Accounts Payable. This position was necessary to fill a vacancy.
- Kate Koon, Administrative Assistant to Reception/District Administrative Assistant. This position was necessary to fill a vacancy.

Lane Change Request; The following employees have submitted transcripts and requested horizontal advancement on the salary schedule;

- Cynthia Cassidy, Vision Itinerant Teacher, at 1.0 FTE, from MA15 Step 24 to MA30 Step 24.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1. R & G Medicaid Fee for Service Contract, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

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

ESY LOCATION AND DATES

The 2014 C.A.S.E. ESY location will be in Lombard District 44 at Butterfield School, preschool ages 3-5 and Manor Hill, ages 6 and up.

ESY dates are June 25 – July 23, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education is a non-profit special education administrator organization that promotes educational opportunities for all students with an emphasis on students with disabilities. IAASE's action-oriented administrative focus leads the special education field in the areas of policy development, finance, and legislation at the local, state, and national level.

IAASE is reviewing its strategic plan and C.A.S.E. was represented in a great dialogue on the vision and mission. Current membership exceeds 1000.

C.A.S.E. completed a 2013/2014 Risk Control Program Assessment with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. C.A.S.E. scored in the "Excellent" rating.

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The week of Oct. 7-11 was Team Spirit Week at Glenwood! Students enjoyed comfy clothes day, sports day, hat day, tie-dye day, and spirit day. The Team Spirit themes were; acceptance, teamwork, respect, individuality, and unity.

C.A.S.E., in collaboration with the CEA, has established the members/participants of the required RIF joint Committee. The committee will be meeting on November 25, 2013 and January 7, 2014.

Professional Learning Communities – all itinerant staff participate in a Professional Learning Team. Each team is comprised of three to five teachers who meet once a month to study and extend learning in an area of common interest. One of our teams is examining ELL (English Language Learner) strategies that can be used to promote vocabulary development with students who are both ELL and DHH (deaf and hard of hearing). This month they researched and read various professional articles about ELL and DHH language development. They looked at the similarities and differences in their styles of learning. This team plans to develop graphic organizers that can be used with this population and shared with others in the field.

The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) project is guided by the core belief that all students should have access to challenging grade-level content. The new DLM Alternate Assessment System will let students with significant cognitive disabilities show what they know in ways that traditional multiple-choice tests cannot. This is a pilot year for DLM and C.A.S.E. will be a part of the project. This will replace IAA.

The DLM system:

- Assesses a student's learning throughout the year
- Uses items and tasks that are embedded in day-to-day instruction that are aligned to the common core standards
- Testing happens as part of instruction which informs teaching
- Provides an end of the year assessment in addition to the instructionally-embedded tests
- Recognizes that not all children learn a skill in the same way and maps alternate routes which will allow students to learn the skills, even if they can't learn the skill using the most direct route
- Shows both the relationship between skills and multiple learning pathways

American Education Week is November 18-22, 2013. This is a week that presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and recognize individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Recommitting

Mr. Nelson stated the Strategic Plan is in its' third and final year. Mr. Nelson would like to meet with district superintendents and special education administrators on the direction of the plan, what initiatives they would like to focus on, where to go from here, and how to achieve these expectations. He would like to see the C.A.S.E. Strategic Plan align with the seven districts strategic plans. Mr. Nelson and the Board of Directors discussed what steps to take and how to move forward.

CLOSED SESSION

I. Purpose:

The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body as mandated by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

II. Purpose:

The Board entered into closed session to discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

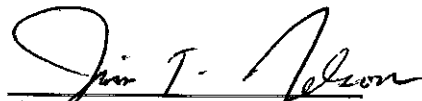
OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Larson handed out the 2014/15 Glenbard Township calendar. A discuss was held as to district alignment.

National School Bus Safety Week was Oct. 21 – 25. In appreciation to the bus drivers cookies were sent to Septran.

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The next meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room. 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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