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BOARD BRIEFS
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

The April meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, April 10, 2015, 9:01 a.m., at C.A.S.E., in the District 89 Board Room.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR FUTURE BOARD APPROVAL
Solid State provided a brief technology audit and overview.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes March 6, 2015, Regular and Closed Sessions;
2. Approval of Accounts Payable for March and April, Payroll for March, and Projected Payroll for April and May 2015;
3. Treasurer's Report, February 2015;
4. Personnel;

   Employment;
   - Angelo D'Orio, Job Coach, assigned to Glenbard North High School, at 25 hours per week. This position was necessary in order to fill a vacancy.
   - Samantha Beck, Vision & O and M Itinerant, assigned to C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services, at MA Step 3, for the 2015/16 school year. This position was necessary in order to fill a vacancy.
   - Stacy Struebing, Speech Language Pathologist, MA Step 13, at .7 FTE for the 2015/16 school year.
   - Judy McInerney, Speech Language Pathologist, MA15 Step 16, at .5 FTE for the 2015/16 school year.

   Reduction in Hours;
   - Jill Marshall, Speech Language Pathologist, MA15 Step 20, at .5 FTE for the 2015/16 school year.

   Resignation;
   - Stephen Buhr, Social Worker, assigned to Marquardt District 15, has submitted a letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year.
   - Jacqueline Langdon, Interpreter, assigned to C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services, has submitted a letter of resignation effective March 27, 2015;

   Termination of Contract;
   - Termination of Contract for Cumberland Services, Amanda Freeback, for C.O.T.A. Occupational Therapist services provided, effective on July 16, 2015.
   - Termination of Contract for Bright Star Care, for nursing services provided, effective April 14, 2015.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the following items:

- Fiscal Year 2016 C.A.S.E. Budget, Second Draft
- Agreement Between the Cooperative Association for Special Education (C.A.S.E.) and the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) for the Inclusion of Leisure Education/Recreation Program Components in the C.A.S.E. Extended School Year Program Summer 2015.
- Revised FY2015 C.A.S.E. and Glenwood Ten Month School Calendar.
- EBC FY2016 Health & Dental Premium Rates
- Rothbart Lease Extension for C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Retirement Agreement and Release
- Resolution Vision 20/20
- Glenwood Principal Contract 2015-2016
- C.A.S.E. Program Coordinator Contract 2015-2016
- C.A.S.E. Policies and Procedures, Second Read
  7.20 Students, Harassment of Students Prohibited
  7.180 Students, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
  7.190 Students, Student Discipline
  7.275 Students, Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
  7.280 Students, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
  7.285 Students, Food Allergy Management Program
  8.25 Community Relations, Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities
  8.30 Community Relations, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property 8.95 Community Relations, Parental Involvement
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  8.110 Community Relations, Public Suggestions and Concerns
- Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel

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STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW 2015-2018, VISION, MISSION AND VALUES
Mr. Nelson reported the document is not yet completed. He is proud of participants hard work, contribution, and commitment to the plan. The next step is writing the action plan.

ISBE IDEA GRANT MEMORANDUM
A copy of the memo was provided in the C.A.S.E. Board Packet. Mr. Nelson reiterated the IDEA Grant flows through C.A.S.E. and that it is monitored and tracked. The District Business Managers are kept informed and receive this information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services

- Dedicated iPad technology support has been available this year. This specialized support goes beyond simple hardware and supports the itinerant teams' understanding and ability to use specific applications to prepare and deliver education in the classroom. Response has been overwhelmingly favorable, with 90% of survey respondents agreeing, "The information I learned this year in this format ***directly impacted*** my instruction." The survey was also used to identify areas of focus for future technology support and inservice education.

- Staff Development
  - "Making Evaluation Matter – A Rubric for Itinerant Teachers" was presented by the C.A.S.E. team at the Illinois Teachers of Hard of Hearing/Deaf Individuals conference (Mary Furbush and Rebecca Hanson).
  - "Resources for Resources for Communicating with Spanish Speaking DHH Students and Families" conducted by Rebecca Hanson and Etta Avila.
  - "New technology for DHH students and Cochlear Implants" program at Lurie Children's Hospital was attended by several members of the hearing itinerant team.
  - "Creating Digital Stories on the i-Pad and the web" was presented as an afterschool presentation by Kathy Sledz and Tricia Sharkey.

Public Act 99-0001
Revised FY 2015 Mandated Categorical Proration

Public Act 99-0001, which was signed by Governor Bruce Rauner on March 27, 2015, reduces most of the fiscal year 2015 appropriations for state programs administered by ISBE. This includes the mandated categorical programs. Claims from 2013-14 payable in fiscal year 2015 have been recomputed at the new appropriation levels effective with the March quarterly payments. The new proration percentages are provided below. If you have questions regarding this information, contact the Division of Funding and Disbursements at (217) 782-5256.

Item	Previous %	Revised %
Special Education Personnel	100	98
Special Education Private Facility	97	94
Special Education Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services	100	98
Special Education Transportation	97	95

MusicTherapy

We continue to see substantial benefit from music therapy. Music Therapy is provided as part of an inter-disciplinary team and sessions support the teacher's lesson plans. Teams have been able to make noticeable progress and students are able to generalize their new skills to the classroom. District directors and C.A.S.E. administration are in the process of assessing the frequency for the 2015-2016 school year. The cost of this related service comes from the IDEA grant.

A Closed Session was held for the purpose of;
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) and 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).

There was no action as a result of Closed Session.

The next meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at C.A.S.E. 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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