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BOARD BRIEFS
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2015

The May meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Monday, May 8, 2015, 9:01 a.m., at C.A.S.E.,
in the District 89 Board Room.

Mr. Nelson introduced visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA
The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes April 10, 2015, Regular and Closed Session;
1. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll for April and May, and Projected Payroll for May and
June 2015;
2. Treasurer's Report, March 2015;
3. Personnel;
Employment;
   - Justina Bekius, Interpreter, assigned to C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services, at 1.0 FTE for the 2015/2016 school year. This position is necessary in order to meet IEP requirement.
   - Jennifer Bradfield, Deaf-Blind Interventionist, assigned to C.A.S.E. Itinerant Service, at 1.0 FTE for the 2015/2016 school year. The Deaf-Blind Interventionist job description is in the Board Packet. This position is necessary in order to meet IEP requirements.

Decrease in Hours;
   - Tina Breitenbach, Student Services Interventionist, assigned to Glenbard Township District 87, requested a decrease in FTE from .7 FTE to .6 FTE, for the 2015/2016 school year.

Lane Change;
   - Christine Goolish, Teacher, LBS1, from MA Step 12 to MA15 Step 12 retroactive to the start of the second semester of the 2014/2015 school year.

Contract(s) Administrator Renewal;
   - Mary Furbush, C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services, renewal of contract, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Contract(s);
   - Netchemia netIEP Contract Renewal, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016;
   - Illinois Association of School Boards, Press Plus FY 2015.

Resignation;
   - Elizabeth Jansen, Assistant Principal, Glenwood, submitted a letter of resignation effective on June 22, 2015.

A Closed Session was held for the purpose of; 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 has been taken as a result of Closed Session.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

- Aavex Paid Invoices 2012;
- C.A.S.E. 2015-2016 Technology Contract, Solid State;
- C.A.S.E. FY2016 Budget;
  1. Approval to ask Marquardt School District 15 Board to authorize display of the CASE Budget on July 1, 2015 for thirty (30) days;
  2. Approval to ask Marquardt School District Board to conduct the Budget Hearing on the CASE Budget after display;
  3. Approval to ask Marquardt District 15 to adopt the FY 2016 CASE Budget prior to September 1, 2015.
- Glenbard Parent Series IDEA Grant Expenditures, FY 2016;
- C.A.S.E Articles of Agreement, Revisions;
- 2014-2015 Needs Assessment Report and Recommendations.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services

- Each of the Professional Learning Teams presented at an all-itinerant meeting on April 27. Each team presented the Type III Assessment they have developed and a proposed student learning objective. These will be piloted next year.
- Dr. Mary Furbush attended the Council for Exceptional Children conference in San Diego. A key piece of the conference content was centered on our need to look beyond the present moment—teaching our staff to focus on the long-term goal of independence—and giving students opportunities to practice skills of independent living rather than jumping in and doing things for them.

Summer Planning

Mr. Nelson stated the C.A.S.E. administrators and the district directors have selected Monday, June 29th for 2015-2016 planning. This day will be used to plan for the upcoming school year, review the aggregated evaluation data from last year, establish a calendar of events, consider professional development, and accomplish next strategic planning steps.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE)

Mr. Nelson reported MOE, governed by federal IDEA Regulations, requires the cooperative, each district, and the state to meet minimum MOE standards. Recent reductions in IDEA Part B Flow Through have created an estimated $13.6 million Illinois shortfall.

Public Act 99-0002 directed ISBE to calculate and communicate to each district its pro rata share of the shortfall, which the district is required to expend from General State Aid (GSA) for the provision of special education services. This will ensure the state meets MOE.

C.A.S.E. has been working with the districts to anticipate pro rata share and ensure compliance; including support for districts needing assistance with exceptions.

Transportation
Mr. Nelson stated C.A.S.E. and district administration have been working with Septran, exploring more efficient processes. Septran will provide C.A.S.E. an action plan in the next few weeks.

C.A.S.E. Evaluation
Mr. Nelson informed the Board, year two of the Danielson model went well. The evaluation committee has met and is reviewing the process, language, value, proposed changes, and rubrics. For the second year in a row, 100% of the required staff evaluations were completed and sent to the C.A.S.E. office in a timely manner. C.A.S.E. has aggregated the summative evaluation ratings to discuss next steps.

Employer Contributions to TRS – Federal Grants
Mr. Nelson reported preliminary employer's share of teachers' retirement rate for fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) will be 36.06% for personnel employed with federal grant funds. C.A.S.E. will not use IDEA Grants for any TRS employees in fiscal year 2016.

C.A.S.E. Recognition
C.A.S.E. will be recognizing staff for their commitment to our students at a celebration held at Glendale Lakes Golf Club on Wednesday, May 27, 3:00-6:00 p.m. with recognition at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Nelson mentioned staff that will be recognized.

Retiring:	Linda Gifford, Lorene Huitt, Norine Kapicak, William Voris
30 years:	Mary Wheeler
25 years:	Vanessa Blanks, Steven Gordon, Barbara Layer
20 years:	Elizabeth Barickman, Tracy Mack, Maureen Quirk, Michelle Scharinger
15 years:	Tina Breitenbach, Stephanie Henry, Susan Kozi, Tara McCarthy, Jamie Robitaille
10 years:	Eric Briscoe, Rachel Hartline-Conley, Erin Hoving, Mary Juda, Tracy Kunce, Jill Lauer, Judy McInerney

One Percent Testing Cap
Mr. Nelson stated students with significant disabilities may be exempt (as part of the IEP process) from state testing. Districts which need an exception to exceed 1% must request it from ISBE by May 21.

Renewing the Strategic Plan
The C.A.S.E. administration team is drafting action plans for each of the goal areas—focusing on student impact and growth. The draft will include both C.A.S.E. and district responsibilities. Timelines will be reviewed and discussed with the District Directors. The team anticipates providing a final draft for the August C.A.S.E. Board meeting

Medicaid Fee for Service
Mr. Nelson stated that July 1 FFS Medicaid billing transitions will be to the new vendor. Hawthorne has been working with our districts and C.A.S.E. to transition our FFS seamlessly for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. Our current provider will complete ESY 2015 and the 2014-2015 transportation claim.

Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities
Jim Nelson and several C.A.S.E. member district administrators attended the annual LRP Conference in Denver. Placement and services in the common core, documentation, EDGAR regulations, and Other Health Impairment OHI) eligibility were a few of the excellent topics covered.

Important Dates

- ***National School Nurse Day – May 8***
  C.A.S.E. recognizes and appreciates the school nurses that serve students in the member districts.
- ***Teacher and Support Staff Appreciation Week - May 4-8, 2015***
  We reflecting back to our theme of the year of "Got Grit?" from the book by Tom Carr. C.A.S.E. and the member districts appreciate the grit and tenacity of the work our educators do every day for our students. Each individual received a tote as a small token of our appreciation.

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, June 5, 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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