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C.A.S.E. Board Briefs August 28, 2015

The August meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, August 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m., at C.A.S.E., in the Board Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes for July 29, 2015, Regular and Closed Session;
2. Approval of July and August Accounts Payable and Payroll and Projected Payroll for September 2015;
3. Treasurer's Report, July 2015;
4. Personnel;

Employment;

- Angela Sivak; Program Assistant/Medical-RN, assigned to CCSD 93, 1.0 FTE for the 2015/16 school year. This position is necessary in order to meet IEP requirements.
- Lauren Gobelman, Program Assistant, assigned to Glenwood, 1.0 FTE for the 2015-2016 school year. This position is necessary in order to fill a vacancy;
- Kaarin VandenBraden, Program Assistant, assigned to Glenwood, at 1.0 FTE for the 2015-2016 school year. This position is necessary in order to fill a vacancy;
- Gina Spinoso, Speech Language Pathologist, contracted through Therapy Care, Ltd., assigned to Marquardt District 15 for the 2015/16 school year.

Increase in Hours;

- Angelo D'Orio, Job Coach, assigned to Glenbard Township District 87, 1.0 FTE for the 2015/2016 school year. This increase is necessary in order to fill a vacancy.

Resignation;

- Rebecca Hanson, DHH Teacher, assigned to C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services, effective immediately.
- Christopher Powell, Job Coach, assigned to Glenbard Township District 87, has submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately;
- Jamie Robitaille, Speech Language Pathologist, assigned to Glen Ellyn District 41, has submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately;
- Carmen Tibbs, Speech Language Pathologist, assigned to Marquardt District 15, has submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately.

Tenure Status for 2015-2016;

The following employees have completed four years of employment, have begun their fifth year, and are eligible for tenure or tenure equivalent status.

Tenure Status;

- Lisette Arnold, School Psychologist
- Christina Banakis, Teacher, LBS1
- Kathryn Maday, Student Services Interventionist
- Jahnean Marino, Teacher LBS1
- Mariana Proske, Student Services Interventionist
- Tricia Sharkey, Speech Language Pathologist/Assistive Technology

Tenure Equivalent Status;

- Jennifer Dunham, Physical Therapist

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. C.A.S.E. Policies and Procedures, Second Read
 - 2.140 Board Communications, Communications To and From the Board
 - 2.140E Governing Board, Exhibit Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
 - 4.10 Operational Services, Fiscal and Business Management
 - 4.30 Operational Services, Revenue and Investments
 - 4.45 Operational Services, Insufficient Fund Check and Debt Recovery
 - 4.50 Operational Services, Payment Procedures

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nelson reported the IDEA Grants were submitted to ISBE on June 26 and June 30 with an effective date of July 1, 2015.

The Annual C.A.S.E. All Staff Institute Day was held on August 20 at Glenlakes Golf Club. This year we are reading *DON'T WE ALREADY DO INCLUSION?* by Paula Kluth. The C.A.S.E. classroom team returns from summer break rested, refreshed, and eager to meet our students and grow and learn together with them!

Mr. Nelson was happy to report that our wellness efforts met a significant milestone when 50% of eligible insurance participants used wellness screening. C.A.S.E. received a grant in excess of \$10,000 from our insurance pool, EBC, to continue our wellness work. Thank you to the Wellness Committee members who organized the events, prompted participation, and offered significant incentives to reinforce wellness.

At Glenwood the department teams are focused on Rita Pierson's work; which is a rousing call to educators to believe in their students and actually connect with them on a real, human, personal level. Pierson's message is clear, "Kids don't learn from people they don't like."

The Glenwood team welcomed a great group of students on Monday, August 24, 2015. Day one enrollment is lower than projections, largely due to students relocating outside of the C.A.S.E. member district boundaries. Glenbard district 87 continues to purchase 20 spots.

Mr. Nelson stated C.A.S.E. continues to migrate to Microsoft Office 365. Training on Office 365 starts in September to help us fully utilize the new features and capabilities. Thank you to Katie Reeter and Solidstate for guiding us through this large endeavor.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT SUMMARY

Maintenance of Effort, MOE, for fiscal year 2014, was reviewed by Jerry Brendel, Business Manager. He reported that all districts have met MOE.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Nelson gave a brief presentation on the current state of the Strategic Plan.

- Goal 1: Outcomes will empower students with disabilities within C.A.S.E.
- Goal 2: To make effective and efficient use of our resources – people, time and money.
- Goal 3: Work as a Professional learning community with our member districts to improve communication and collaboration.

The Board of Directors thought the plan was very well honed, yet simplified.

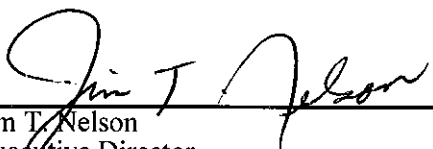
EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR 2015, BOOKCASE

Dr. Mary Furbush gave a brief overview of the 2015 Extended School Year. 319 students enrolled this year. The last four years enrollment has been steady, but with an increase of students with more severe disabilities. The schedule was 4 days, Monday thru Thursday, with Friday off. The Extended School Year 2016 will be held in CCSD 89. Further discussion will be held to determine locations and dates.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION

Jim Nelson stated Septran has had a challenging start to the 2015-2016 school year. He has contacted the Septran CEO and many other staff to resolve transportation issues. Discussion was held on how resolve these issues with Septran. There is one year left on a two-year contract extension. Jim Nelson will schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss alternative options. Current transportation procedures were reviewed with C.A.S.E. Some districts are revisiting this structure.

The October meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, October 2, 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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