



# COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION for SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## C.A.S.E. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

December 20, 2016

A special board meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 8:00 a.m., at C.A.S.E., in the Board Room.

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

#### C.A.S.E. Collaborative Process

Ms. Tabbert gave a brief synopsis of C.A.S.E. history and how the cooperative has worked with member districts. The Board conversed as to what has changed and what they need from C.A.S.E.

- All districts agreed to the continuation of service with C.A.S.E. They would like to explore updated cooperative models. They also agreed C.A.S.E. has quality employees that offer exceptional services.
- Is there a service model that would allow districts to only purchase what they use (cafeteria model) that might work for CASE?
- Districts value collaboration with C.A.S.E. and other districts in the cooperative.
- Flexibility with specialized students is valued and member districts like to have experts when needed.
- Cost is important and districts would like to see more transparency.
- Districts want to support their own students and want to ensure that grant money is maximized for this purpose.
- Is cost proportionate with services? Is there overhead that can be reduced but will still allow quality service?
- C.A.S.E. districts have varying resources and therefore different needs.

Dr. Furbush stated she appreciates the fact all agreed C.A.S.E. has quality staff and services. C.A.S.E. is open to studying alternative administrative and financial structures. The FY15 Special Education Net Expenditures vs. FY15 IDEA Grant handout was presented to the Board for district information.

Dr. Furbush thanked the board and public participants for their input.

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**A Closed Session was held for the purpose of;**

- I. The 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).

No action was taken as a result of Closed Session.

The January meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, January 6, 2016 at **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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