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BOARD BRIEFS

Friday, March 10, 2017

The March meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, March 10, 2017, 8:02 a.m. at C.A.S.E.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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).

No action was taken as a result of Closed Session.

The Board approved the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2017, Regular and Closed Session;
2. Approval of Accounts Payable for December and January Accounts Payable, December Payroll; and Projected Payroll for January and February 2017;
3. Treasurer's Report, January 2017;
4. Contracts
 - Infinitic FY18 Agreement for Services
5. Personnel;
Resignation;
 - Stephanie Henry, Student Services Interventionist, assigned to Glenbard North High School, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Marge Bilder, Program Assistant, assigned to Glenwood, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Amanda Meyer, Student Services Interventionist, assigned to Glenbard West High School, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Stacie Tzouras, Student Services Interventionist, assigned to Glenbard East High School, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Bader Iffath, Program Assistant, assigned to Glenwood, has submitted a letter of resignation effective February 10, 2017;
 - Mariana Proske, School Psychologist, assigned to Glenbard Township District 87, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Laurie Condra, School Psychologist, assigned to Marquardt District 15, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Julieanne Kerstein, School Psychologist, assigned to Marquardt District 15, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016/2017 school year;
 - Nicole Leach, Teacher, Special Education, assigned to Marquardt District 15, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year;

- Tim Daly, Principal, assigned to Glenwood, has submitted a letter of resignation effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Part-Time Licensed Staff
- B. Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Dismissal of First Through Third Year Certificated/Licensed Staff
- C. Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Part-Time Certified/Licensed Staff
- D. Resolution Authorizing Reduction and Dismissal of Certified/Licensed Staff
- E. Resolution Authorizing Honorable Reduction and Dismissal of Educational Support Staff
- F. C.A.S.E. Policies and Procedures, Second Read
 - 4.175 Operational Services, Convicted Child Sex Offender Notifications
 - 5.100 General Personnel, Staff Development Program
 - 5.260 Professional Personnel, Student Teachers
 - 5.280 ESP, Duties and Qualifications
 - 8.70 Community Relations, Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- G. FY2018 C.A.S.E. Budget, First Draft

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

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE AND BUS BID

Cindy D'Ambrosio provided a monthly recap of transportation, including penalties. She mentioned service with Septran has been improving. Hopewell's service remains exceptional.

Jerry Brendel stated C.A.S.E. has gone out to bid on transportation. Bids will be opened on Friday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. Further information will be provided at the next Board Meeting on April 7th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All evaluations of C.A.S.E. staff were submitted in timely manner. We created a short survey that has been sent out to all district evaluators and C.A.S.E. staff members that will give us some feedback regarding the rubrics and the process. Last week's in-service day was a great success with close to 600 participants at Glenbard South.

Marquardt District 15 will remain C.A.S.E.'s administrative agent for a final year. This will allow us to finalize all reimbursements and other state records for Glenwood using the same RCDT code rather than a new one. Thank you!!

Kathy Brinker presented at the District 41 in-service day on high impact strategies for all students in PE classes and building inclusive supports.

Facilities update - We are continuing to seek a location for storage of materials that are currently stored at Glenwood. If it is more cost effective to combine a new location with CIS, we will do so.

"Fitness Testing for Students with Disabilities: Meeting the State Mandate" by Kathy Brinker and Tara McCarthy was recently published in On The Move. On The Move is the monthly newsletter published by the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Kudos to Tricia Sharkey, Kathy Sledz, Rachel DuFresne and Deanna Zuchowski for their presentations at the Illinois Chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (IAER) Conference. Both sessions were well attended and it is exciting that C.A.S.E. was so

well represented at this conference that attracts Vision teachers and related professionals from IL and surrounding states. Thank you!

Our Own Pediatric Physical Therapist!

Congratulations to Jane Ruge. Jane has earned board certification in pediatric physical therapy. According to the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, there were only 1,485 physical therapists *in the country* who hold this high level of certification as of June 2015! This is a multi-year process that requires 2,000 hours of direct care, demonstration of specialist-level pediatric clinical practice, participation and delivery of professional development, and demonstration of cognitive expertise measured via an 8 hour test of knowledge in the profession. Jane was recently recognized for this honor at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting conference.

C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services

- January 24th C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services hosted a low vision clinic in Oak Lawn. The schedule had a full day of students and was very successful. Some of the students were new to the experience and really enjoyed it. Parents appreciated the information as well as specialized sunglasses and vision tools.
- Patrick Conaway (Audiologist from Lurie's Children's Hospital) presented on information for the Itinerants on Audiology practices, ABRs, amplification, and working collaboratively together so students have what they need.
- Kara Graham participated in a panel at Child's Voice for parent questions regarding leaving Child's Voice and entering mainstream academia. Child's Voice was very complimentary of our services.
- Lindsey Siegel presented at the C.A.S.E. Mentor/Mentee meeting to explain itinerant services. Mentors were interested to discover how many buildings/districts an Itinerant may cover.
- Laura Bauer attended a two-day Visual Phonics training and did a presentation for the C.A.S.E. hearing itinerants as well as other local hearing itinerants on the training.
- Jill McReynolds attended a conference on Dyslexia and shared tips for language accommodations and strategies.

More kudos go to Lindsey Siegel and Emily Anderson who presented at the IL Teachers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference in Naperville. Their session, "Exploring Assessments," focused on the different types of assessment tools used in working with students and how to select the most appropriate type of assessment based on need. C.A.S.E. remains a leader in low-incidence fields because of the efforts of our staff to share their knowledge.

GLENWOOD

- This past month, Glenwood's students who are English Language Learners participated in the Illinois State Board of Education's statewide ACCESS testing. Huge shout out to **C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services Team Member Etta Avila** for making sure the students who participated were able to show us growth with as little anxiety as possible!
- Students participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing are working with teachers to prepare themselves for this statewide snapshot of achievement and growth. Special thanks to **C.A.S.E. Teacher Aaron Gross** for helping teachers and students prepare for this opportunity.
- This past month, students and staff visited Build-a-Bear Workshop in Oakbrook Illinois to participate in the "Build a Reading Friend" activity. Students and staff developed reading plans and will be spending time through the end of the year taking a minute to develop basic literacy skills with their new reading buddies. Huge Thank you to **C.A.S.E. Team Members Kim Cain, Stephanie Lesnik, Debbie Catanese, and Marguerite Hendzel** for arranging the trip and corresponding learning activities.
- Glenwood's staff and students are participating in a Healthy Eating Challenge. Since the introduction of lessons focusing on the importance of healthy eating and lifestyles, yogurt and cheese consumption is up and chip and cereal consumption is down among students. **Great job Glenwood Team!**

C.A.S.E. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, First Read

5.250 Professional Personnel, Leave of Absence

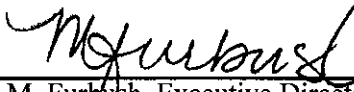
5.330 ESP, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves – Stricken from the record.

Dr. Furbush has stricken policy 5.330 from the record due to further updates. 5.250 Professional Personnel has been updated regarding sick, bereavement, and leave of absences.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE- 2017 COUNTY WIDE INSTITUTE

Cindy D'Ambrosio thanked Dr. Larson for the use of Glenbard South High School on County Wide Institute Day on March 3rd. She provided a handout that included presenters and workshops with a total number of participants at each workshop, including the number of participants from each district. A total of 457 district staff and 117 non-members attended the conference.

The next meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017, 8:00 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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