



# COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION for SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

**November 4, 2016**

The November meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors was held on Friday, November 4, 2016, 8:01 a.m., at C.A.S.E., in the Board Room.

The Board approved the following items:

1. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2016, Regular and Closed Session;
2. Approval of October and November Accounts Payable, October and November Payroll; Projected Payroll for November and December 2016;
3. Treasurer's Report, September 2016;
4. Personnel;  
Employment;
  - Esperanza Mancera, Health Aide/RN, assigned to Glenbard West High School, at 1.0 FTE, for the 2016/2017 school year.
  - Theresa Penn, contracted Sign Language Interpreter, assigned to Cicero District 99, 1.0 FTE, for the 2016/2017 school year.
5. Contracts;
  - Renewal of Board Book for the 2017 calendar year;
  - Renewal of Press Plus for the 2017 calendar year.

### Other Action Items approved by the C.A.S.E. Board:

#### C.A.S.E. Policies and Procedures

1. 7.150 Students, Agency and Police Interviews
2. 7.190 Students, Student Behavior
3. 7.200 Students, Suspension Procedures

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

#### C.A.S.E. Facility Storage Space, 2017/2018

Dr. Furbush stated with the closing of Glenwood, the process of reallocating storage space and finding space for professional development will begin. She asked the Board if there was space available in any of the districts to let her know. She will keep the Board updated as to options.

#### Transportation Update

Dr. Furbush reported that districts have not received transportation billing from Septran. She also mentioned Septran has hired a new employee to handle billing process and hopes it will be a more efficient procedure.

### **Special Education Director's Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Furbush handed out an agenda to the Board for the meeting to be held on Friday, November 4th and gave a brief explanation of topics that will be discussed.

### **Business Managers Meeting**

Jerry Brendel stated his next Business Manager's Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

### **Director's Report**

Highlights from the Director's Report include;

- C.A.S.E. has completed training for evaluators and have been doing our own observations for our own evaluations.
- At the C.A.S.E. October 11th In-Service day, CASE hosted two nationally recognized speakers at Glenbard South.
- C.A.S.E. staff activities;
  - Cindy D'Ambrosio, Tricia Sharkey, Nicole Paneque and Kathy Sledz attended the Closing the Gap conference. Information about technologies and resources are being shared with learning teams and administrators throughout CASE.
  - Kay Austin, Jayna Zant, Robin Scantlen and Amy Carrera attended the Illinois Association of School Social Workers conference in Lisle.
  - In honor of White Cane Day, the Vision itinerant team developed a top 10 list of interesting information about vision loss, vision itinerant teaching and Orientation and Mobility.
- District 44 In-Service Day;
  - Tricia Sharkey and Emily Shields provided time and a collaborative environment for teachers and paraprofessionals to take a close look at curriculum. This was done to determine how to adapt the curriculum in order to highlight core language and create communication opportunities.
  - Tiffany Becker and Emily Shields worked with Paraprofessionals in District 44 to provide tips and strategies for working with special education students in the general education environment.
  - Tiffany Becker presented a professional development session to paraprofessionals on how to support students with autism in classroom. This presentation focused on positive behavior supports including: prompting, reinforcement, and decoding behavior function and included a mixture of group discussion, lecture, and hands on activities. It was the second portion of the workshop presented on District 44's Opening Day.
- CASE Itinerant Services News
  - Mindy Long, Deanna Zuchowski and Lindsey Siegel presented to Special Education Directors at LASEC about the scope of CASE Itinerant Services.
  - Jill McReynolds attended the Dynamics of Dyslexia conference in early October. She will present to the CASE Hearing Itinerant Team and will also share out resources with CASE Administrators.
  - Jill Lauer completed her LSCI Training and passed her certification test.
  - D41 student Nathan Williams submitted a one-minute video on having a Cochlear Implant and won a contest which will result in his video being posted on the Lurie Children's Hospital website.



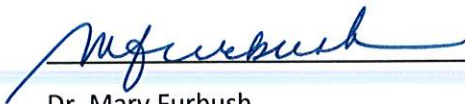
- Glenwood News;
  - This past month Glenwood celebrated Illinois Great Apple Crunch Day by crafting lessons thematically linked to one of our state's favorite tree grown fruits.
  - Students in our middle school recently participated in a contest where they competed against each other in the building of cardboard chairs. The competition was aligned with a Science unit where the students were studying Weight and Mass. The competition required students to act as architects and design the chairs, engineers and build the chairs, and then scientists who test the strength of the chairs. The winning student's chair was able to hold 300lbs. Kudos to **Mr. Paul Hays** for this fantastic learning opportunity for the middle school!
  - Students in our Primary Grades recently visited a pumpkin patch as part of our Spirit Week activities. During this visit, students and staff worked on demonstrating decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal and community contexts (State SEL Goal #3). Huge thank you to **Ms. Stephanie Lesnik**, **Ms. Marguerite Hendzel**, and **Ms. Chris Goolish** for organizing this event for our students.

**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).
- II. 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).

No action was taken as a result of Closed Session.

The December meeting of the C.A.S.E. Board of Directors will be held on Friday, December 4, 2016 at **8:00 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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