

*South Macoupin Association for Special Education*

*801 North Deneen St., Staunton, IL 62088*

*Governing Board and Executive Committee Meeting Notice*

*January 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.*

*MINUTES*

- I. Regular Order of Business
  - A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.
  - B. Roll Call: Present: Patrick Murphy, Mt. Olive CUSD 5; Cindy Tolbert, Staunton CUSD 6; Shane Owsley, Gillespie CUSD 7; Todd Dugan, Bunker Hill CUSD 8. Also Present: Alison Storm, SMASE Director
  - C. Amend Agenda: Agenda was not amended.
- II. Citizen Statements: No citizens were present.
- III. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Dugan and seconded by Tolbert to consent agenda. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes as presented for the Regular and Closed Meeting on December 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
  - B. Approval of Bills
  - C. Approval of Financial Report
  - D. Approval of Director's Report
- IV. Roll Call to Closed Session: A motion was made by Dugan and seconded by Tolbert to enter closed session. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. . . 5 ILC 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.
  - B. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- V. Roll Call to Open Session: A motion was made by Owsley and seconded by Murphy to enter open session. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Accept the Revised Resignation of an Employee: A motion was made by Owsley and seconded by Dugan to accept the resignation of Jenny Robison, with a revised date from her previous resignation. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding Between SMASE and the Staunton Federation of Teachers Special Educators' Council: A MOU to extend the FFCRA Leave to March 31 was adopted. A motion was made by Murhpy and seconded by Tolbert to adopt the MOU. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.
  - C. First Reading of Press Policy Updates 5:270, 3:40, 4:80, 6:20, 6:300, and 7:140: Policy updates were reviewed and will be on the next board agenda for adoption.
  - D. Appointment of Treasurer: A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Dugan to appoint Cheryl Johnson as the SMASE treasurer. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.

VII. Correspondence: none

VIII. General Discussion

A. Location of Classrooms: Mrs. Tolbert noted that Staunton school district is running out of space, and they may need to move two SMASE classrooms to another district. Bunker Hill is also out of space and cannot take them. Mr. Murphy stated that Mt. Olive would be willing to take more classrooms, but not those two classrooms. Mr. Owsley stated that Gillespie already hosts 9 classrooms and is not in favor of more. Mrs. Storm stated that the classrooms have to be hosted somewhere, or the alternatives are for the districts to take their students back and program for them, or consider private facility placement. Mr. Murphy asked for a count each district's students in the classrooms. Mrs. Storm provided those numbers. Mrs. Storm and the superintendents will look at options.

Intent to Bid for Commercial Insurance: Mrs. Storm noted that ICMRT rates have increased in the past years, so she is seeking bids from other agencies.

Discussion of paraprofessional insurance. Mrs. Storm noted that all districts provide paraprofessional insurance, and SMASE cannot retain paraprofessionals without being competitive. Paraprofessionals are hired by SMASE, but many resign to work for the districts. The discussion was had in the spring, but was put aside due to the pandemic. Mrs. Storm asked to consider this again. Mrs. Storm provided the costs for insurance this year and an estimate of the number of paraprofessionals who would take the insurance. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

A new FOIA request from The Chicago Tribune/ProPublica was discussed. SMASE does not have the records requested, but districts may expect a similar request.

IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Owsley and seconded by Murphy to adjourn. Dugan, yes; Tolbert, yes; Owsley, yes; Murphy, yes. Motion carried.