

South Macoupin Association for Special Education

701 North Deneen St., Staunton, IL 62088

Executive Committee Meeting Notice

January 10, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Regular Order of Business
 - A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Owsley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
 - B. Roll Call: Present: Patrick Murphy, Mt. Olive CUSD 5; Shane Owsley, Gillespie CUSD 7; Nancy Werden, Staunton CUSD 6. Also present, Alison Storm, SMASE director. Absent: Todd Dugan, Bunker Hill CUSD 8; Staunton CUSD 6
 - C. Amend Agenda: No action

- II. Citizen Statements: No citizens present.
- III. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Werden to consent agenda. Roll Call: Murphy, yes; Owsley, yes; Werden, yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Meeting held on December 6th, 2021 at 3:30 p.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 Werden and seconded by Murphy to enter into closed session. Roll call: Murphy, yes; Owsley, yes; Werden, 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.

- V. Roll Call to Open Session Roll call: Murphy, yes; Owsley, yes; Werden, yes. Motion carried
- VI. Action on Items from Closed Session
 - A. Accept the Resignation of a Paraprofessional: A motion was made by Werden and seconded by Owsley to accept the resignation of Kristen Thomason.
 - B. Approval of Employment of a Teacher: A motion was made by Werden and seconded by Murphy to employ Amanda Werner as a teacher. Roll call: Murphy, yes; Owsley, yes; Werden, yes. Motion carried
 - C. Consideration and Approval of Administrative Contracts: A motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Werden to approve administrative contracts for Alison Storm, Christie Johnson and Dawn Biersborn for three years (2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school terms.) Roll Call: Roll call: Murphy, yes; Owsley, yes; Werden, yes. Motion carried

- VII. New Business

- A. First Reading of Press Policy Updates 8:100, 2:105, 2:20, 2:220, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 4:60, 5:10, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:20, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:30, 5:330, 5:50, 5:90, 6:120, 6:20, 6:300, 7:10, 7:150, 7:250, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:345, 7:70, 7:70, 7:80 and 4:160

A summary of these policy updates was discussed.

- B. Approval of STEP/DRS Contract Amendment

DRS has reached out to us to increase our contract amount for the STEP program. The official amendment did not arrive in time for the board meeting, but the amendment will reflect the following:

Performance increase from 4 to 12 STEP outcomes \$40,800.00 (12 X \$3,400.00 = \$40,800.00)

Foundational Skills from \$9,000.00 to \$22,800.00 (38 students X \$600.00 = \$22,800.00)

Projected # of students served from 15 to 38 students.

New contract amount from \$22,600.00 to \$63,600.00 (STEP outcomes \$40,800.00 + FS \$22,800.00 = \$63,600.00)

This is a grant funded program, and the grant is currently paying for the transition specialist contract from Mid-State. We have tentatively planned for 8 outcomes and 25 students served next year, which would generate \$42,300. This would cover the salary of a transition specialist/BCBA combination.

- A. Expression of Appreciation for the Staunton Knights of Columbus Donation: Mrs. Storm expressed gratitude for the Knights of Columbus donation. Individuals and businesses who donated their money, and the members of the Knights of Columbus who donate their time are greatly appreciated.

VIII. Correspondence: None

IX. General Discussion

- A. Discussion of Menta School: Mrs. Storm updated the committee on discussions she and Mr. Dugan have had with Menta Schools. Mrs. Storm has proposed a facility that would serve students with social/emotional needs as well as multiple disabilities. The Menta group has stated that they can meet these needs. Mrs. Storm has been in contact with Edwardsville, Alton, Roxana, and Carlinville school districts, and they have expressed interest. Mr. Dugan and Mrs. Storm plan to meet with the Menta board and tour Meissner School in early February.
- B. Discussion of Cooperative Services: Discussion of inclusive models of Pre-Kindergarten/Early Childhood. Discussion of districts choosing the services that they wish to utilize from SMASE, and tuition reflecting these choices.

X. Adjournment

