

*South Macoupin Association for Special Education*

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

*Governing Board and Executive Committee Meeting*

*March 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.*

*Minutes*

- I. Regular Order of Business:
  - A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Shane Owsley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
  - B. Roll Call: Present: Shane Owsley, Gillespie CUSD 7; Brett Allen, Staunton CUSD 6; Brandi Kelly, Mt. Olive CUSD 5. Also present: Alison Storm, Director of SMASE. Absent: Todd Dugan, Bunker Hill CUSD 8
  - C. Amend Agenda: No amendment
- II. Citizen Statements: No citizens
- III. Consent Agenda: Kelly made a motion, seconded by Allen to consent agenda. Roll call: Kelly, yes; Allen, yes; Owsley, yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Approval of Bills
  - C. Approval of Financial Report
  - D. Approval of Director's Report
- IV. Roll Call to Closed Session. Allen made the motion, seconded by Owsley, to enter closed session. Roll call: Kelly, yes; Allen, yes; Owsley, 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: Allen made the motion, seconded by Kelly, to return to open session. Roll call: Kelly, yes; Allen, yes; Owsley, yes. Motion carried.
- VI. Action on Items from Closed Session
  - A. Accept the Resignation of a Paraprofessional: Allen made the motion, seconded by Owsley to accept the resignation of Kaylie Stalhut. Motion carried.
  - B. Accept the Resignation of a Paraprofessional: Kelly made the motion, seconded by Allen to accept the resignation of Courtney Besserman
  - C. Approval of Employment of a Paraprofessional: Owsley made the motion, seconded by Allen to employ Amber Brakenhoff. Roll call: Kelly, yes; Allen, yes; Owsley, yes. Motion carried
  - D. Approval of Resolution to Honorably Dismiss a Tenured Teacher of SMASE and to Reemploy the Teacher on a Part Time Basis: Kelly made the motion, seconded by Owsley

to approve the resolution to honorably dismiss Peggy Jo Rice and reemploy her on a part time basis. Roll call: Kelly, yes; Allen, yes; Owsley, yes. Motion carried

VII. New Business

VIII. Correspondence

IX. General Discussion

A. Classroom placement for 2023-2023

Storm discussed Gillespie CUSD 7's desire to move classrooms out of Gillespie. Mrs. Storm proposed that one of the Ben-Gil classrooms move to Mt. Olive. Mrs. Kelly agreed to this. The first grade classroom will move to Mt. Olive CUSD 5 next year.

B. Professional Development Plans for 2023-2024

Mrs. Storm presented professional development plans for next year. The group made some revisions and discussed.

August 14<sup>th</sup>: SMASE paraprofessionals at 9:00, SMASE only teachers at 9:30, followed by an in-service for all special education teachers at 10:00. This will take place at Ben-Gil

September 8<sup>th</sup>: Interventions, progress monitoring and data collection to district MTSS teams. CPI also needs to be provided on this day. Mt. Olive only

October 6<sup>th</sup>: 504 Training for all districts

November 3<sup>rd</sup>: IEP Boot Camp for special education teachers

December 1<sup>st</sup>: Behavior Management 101, positive supports, data collection. Provided to employees identified by the districts.

January 3<sup>rd</sup>: CPI

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Transition Plans to high school special education teachers

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Revisit MTSS: How is it going? Admin only

C. STEP Update: Mrs. Storm reported that our original contract with DRS this year was for \$42,500. Samantha Sinclair and Cheryl Johnson have been working very hard on this project. At this time, we are now projecting our DRS grant to be around \$70,000. Our students are working hard at employer paid positions, and teachers are working to increase their foundational employment skills.

X. Adjournment