



# SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## **SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**SESE Central Office**

**Ste. Marie, IL**

### **TENTATIVE MINUTES**

The December meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Ste. Marie, IL. Cathy Croy, Chair for the SESE Executive Board called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Josh Quick, Julia Kraemer, Andy Johnson, Larry Bussard, Jakie Walker, Monty Aldrich, Joel Hackney, Doug Daugherty and Chair Croy. Chris Long arrived at 9:35.

Members absent: Jeff Patchett

The agenda was presented for review. Kraemer moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The consent agenda was presented for review. Bussard moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Director Weems reported on the Strategic Planning Committee items discussed when they met in October and November. The first item discussed was the need for additional SLP services in the spring. The ECE classrooms in Flora and Oblong are currently half-day sessions, but after the first of the year they will be full day sessions. Director Weems indicated the additional services could be provided with no additional cost to the coop. The second item discussed is the need to reinstate the High School Autism Classroom for next year as there will be four (4) High School aged students next year. Director Weems stated she would like the Executive Boards' authorization so SESE could start hiring staff for next year. The next item discussed by the Strategic Planning Committee is the possibility of a day school. SESE currently has 15 seats at Effingham, but the idea being that if Fresh Start says they need those seats, then we will need to do something with our students. Director Weems stated she included rough cost estimates in the board packet, but one of the main concerns would be if SESE would be able to staff a day school. The final item discussed was Director Weems' retirement. SESE currently has two staff members that have their Endorsement for Director of Special Education. Superintendent Quick indicated his concern about hiring someone from the outside and paying them what they would want and the length of time they would stay. He also stated he thought

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we need to try and get a current Coop employee to work towards obtaining the Endorsement for Director of Special Education. Superintendent Walker stated SESE might need to add an additional position as well.

At 10:37 a.m., Kraemer moved, seconded by Walker to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and collective negotiations. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 10:42 a.m., Bussard moved, seconded by Hackney to return to regular session. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Executive Board acknowledged the Family Medical Leave of Absences for Suzy Dunahee, MSI Teacher, from November 14, 2016 through December 9, 2016, Kristen Kennedy, Speech-Language Pathologist, beginning February 6, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, and Nicole Fitch, Speech-Language Pathologist, beginning April 10, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Hackney moved, seconded by Quick to add a High School Autism Classroom for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call was taken with Hackney, Johnson, Bussard, Kraemer, Quick, Long, Walker, Daugherty, Croy and Aldrich voting yea. Motion carried.

The case study evaluation report was presented for review.

Director Weems distributed the District Transportation information to be updated and will e-mail the updated information to the Superintendents.

Director Weems indicated the enrollment numbers for Excess Cost would be sent the first of January.

Director Weems stated SESE will have a Speech-Language Pathology student teacher coming in next semester.

There being no further business, Aldrich moved, seconded by Quick to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 11:09 a.m.

  
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Cathy Croy, Chair

  
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Lori Davis, Recording Secretary