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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 7, 2023

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The December meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Newton, IL. Jessica Sisil, Chairperson for the SESE Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Jason Fox, Travis Titsworth, Josh Quick, Michelle Meese, Jakie Walker, Cathy Croy, Keith Price, Joel Hackney, and Chair Jessica Sisil.

Members absent: Doug Daugherty.

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

Quick moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 9:39 a.m., Meese moved, seconded by Walker to go into executive closed 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 9:42 a.m., Meese moved, seconded by Croy to return to regular session. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Family Medical Leave Request for Cathy Mabuice, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively beginning November 21, 2023 and expecting to return January 4, 2024 was acknowledged.

Hackney moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the resignations of Jordan Goss, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to November 22, 2023; and Michael Kenneth Casey, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to November 30, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with

Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Quick, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Fox to employ Denise Earleywine, Educational Support Personnel, effective January 3, 2024; Brock McMorris, ECE Teacher, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year; and Erik Bloom, Next Step Teacher, retroactive to December 4, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Quick, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

The 2022-2023 Audit was presented. Quick moved, seconded by Croy to approve the 2022-2023 Audit. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Sornberger to approve the Addition of an SRO and/or Classroom Staff at Next Step Day School. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

The Next Step's Lunch Program approval of reimbursement was discussed..

There was a brief discussion regarding the Sale Agreement of the Ste. Marie Central Office Building with the Village of Ste. Marie.

Moved the March 20, 2024 Executive Board meeting to March 19, 2024.

Director Kessler thanked the Executive Board for their support for the new Central Office Building and welcomed them to stay after the meeting for a tour of the building.

There being no further business, Hackney moved, seconded by Walker to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:33 a.m.



Jessica Sisil, Chair



Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary