

KENDALL COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

BOARD MINUTES IN BRIEF

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

1. FY07 IDEA Grant Hearing

The FY07 IDEA Grants were approved for submission to ISBE.

2. The minutes, bills, and financial report for March were all approved.

3. Personnel

Contracts – Non Certified:

Danika Bridwell, Aide, Yorkville, 56 days

Karen Short, Ind. Aide, Oswego, 43 days

Contracts – Certified:

Jennifer Bell, EC Teacher, 185 days, 2006/07 school year

The Board approved the contracts.

Resignation – Non-Certified:

Gail Fagan, Aide, effective March 3, 2006

Resignation – Certified:

Kimberly Smejkal, Speech Therapist, effective end of 2005/06 school year

The Board approved the resignations.

Leave of Absence:

MaryEllen Stroup has requested a second year unpaid leave of absence.

The Board approved the leave of absence.

4. Job Descriptions

A new job description was approved for the previously approved HR Secretary that will begin in FY07. Additionally, Tedd McCauley, Assistant Director discussed a change to each Teacher job description. The new HR Secretary job description and the changed teacher job descriptions should be on the website in the next week.

5. EC Program Assessment Plan for ISBE

Denise McCarthy, Early Childhood Coordinator, presented a required assessment plan for all Early Childhood programs. She has designed and submitted this to ISBE on the Cooperative and districts behalf. She explained the required components and plan for implementation with our KCSEC staff.

6. FY07 Budget for Display

The FY07 budget was presented. The budget reflects all projected salary and benefit increases for teachers, central office staff and educational support personnel. New program and previously approved positions are also included in the budget. Line items indicate steady Medicaid revenue and stable personnel reimbursement while the IDEA grants have been increased. IDEA dollars will be used to cover salary increases of employees previously included in the grant as well as new positions. Line items included anticipated increases in insurances and increases in the new program materials. All other items remain essentially the same.

The Board approved the budget for display to the public.

7. Dr. of School Psychology – Jon Warshawsky

The Director recognized the accomplishment of Jon Warshawsky, School Psychologist, on defending his dissertation and receiving his Doctorate in School Psychology from Northern Illinois University.

8. Dr. Chris Koch, ISBE Director of Special Education Visit

The Director invited Dr. Chris Koch, ISBE Director of Special Education, to the Cooperative to tour our programs. This was an opportunity to show him the quality programming and education that our special education students are receiving through both the Cooperative and district level services. The Director highlighted the activities of his day long visit on March 22, 2006.

9. Teacher Negotiations

The Board entered into an executive session for the purpose of teacher negotiations.

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