

KENDALL COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE  
BOARD MINUTES IN BRIEF

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

1. The Minutes from the February 13, 2008 board meeting, Bills from February, and Financial Report for February were all approved.

2. Personnel

Contracts – Non-Certified:

Sandra Gerlinger, Classroom Aide, 65 days

Contracts – Certified:

Denise McCarthy, Assistant Director, 250 days, effective July 1, 2008

Katie Wudtke, LSP Teacher, 62 days, effective March 3, 2008

Resignations – Certified:

Jennifer Nelson, LSP Teacher, effective February 19, 2008

2008/09 Personnel Recommendations:

The personnel recommendations for the 2008/09 school year were approved. See attached document.

3. FY09 IDEA Grants

The Director has been working with our district Superintendents to access the growth needs of each district and the Cooperative. Requests made specific to district needs are the financial responsibility on those districts as defined by our KCSEC policies.

Following is a listing of positions by District/Cooperative that were recommended for inclusion in our IDEA grants and budget.

- 1.0 ISP Teacher
- 1.0 Diagnostic Teacher
- 2.0 Social Worker
- 1.0 Psychologist
- 1.0 Coordinator

The FY09 IDEA Part B Flow Through IDEA Grant to be submitted is a total of \$3,196,492 which is an increase of \$142,940 from FY08. The FY09 IDEA Preschool Grant amount to be submitted is \$50,242.

The grant hearing will be held on April 9, 2008 prior to our scheduled board meeting. The FY09 IDEA Grants will be presented for final approval at the April Board Meeting.

The Board approved for the IDEA grants to be put on display.

#### 4. Bilingual Social Work Services

Kendall County Special Education currently provides bilingual social work services through Juanita Hughes, our current Fox Chase Social Worker. The Director in collaboration with Juanita has researched the need to increase the current bilingual social worker services to a full-time county-wide bilingual social worker position. At this time, due to the large influx of Hispanic population throughout the county, it is our belief that this additional service is required to meet the needs of this population. The Director and the current part-time Bilingual Social Worker are researching the defining roles and responsibilities of a full-time Bilingual Social Worker for the county.

#### 5. Technology Manager Position

The Board tabled this discussion until the April 9, 2008 board meeting.

#### 6. FY09 Budget Update

The budget will be presented to the Board in April for approval to be on display for 30 days and the budget hearing will be held in June for final approval.

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