

**MID-STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2020
Mid-State Special Education
Morrisonville, Illinois
Official Minutes**

PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:

Following the Public Hearing, Dr. Becky Schuchman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. at Mid-State Special Education in Morrisonville, Illinois.

Members Present:

<u>District</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>Board Representative</u>
Morrisonville	Dave Meister (Remote)	Dale Brockamp (In Person)
Edinburg	Ben Theilen (Remote)	Adam Swinger (Remote)
South Fork		Bob Brandon (Remote)
Mulberry Grove		Brooke Earnest (Remote)
Bond County	Wes Olson (Remote)	Dan Sidwell (Remote)
Brownstown		.
St. Elmo		
Vandalia		
Ramsey		Katie Haye (Remote)
Carlinsville	Becky Schuchman (Remote)	Kathy Norris (Remote)
Panhandle	Aaron Hopper (Remote)	Terri Payne (Remote at 6:45pm)
Hillsboro	David Powell (Remote)	Barb Adams (Remote)
Litchfield		

Others Present:

Angela Armour, Director
Lyn Becker, Assistant Director
Liz Holcomb, Business Manager
Vickie Throne, Executive Secretary
Kurtis Land, CTI technician

Presentation of Proxies:

None

Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum

Due to the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to (COVID-19 pandemic) and in order to protect the safety of board members, staff, and the public, the public was not be permitted to physically attend the meeting. However, notice was provided to allow the public to attend the meeting via audio or video-conferencing. No members of the public requested to participate. The local district board members and district superintendents could participate by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the local district Governing Board members due to the determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the current health emergency.

Mrs. Armour provided a written determination referring to the specific Disaster Declaration citing the public health concern/emergency that applies to the Board and the meeting and directed the Recording Secretary to include it in the meeting minutes;

ensure that any interested member for the public has access to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony, and roll call votes; and directed the Recording Secretary to enter into the appropriate minutes of the Board that each Board member participating in the meeting, wherever their physical locations, announced themselves present and verified that they could hear one another and all discussion and testimony.

For purposes of determining a quorum, each Board member was announced and considered present at the meeting for the purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings. The Recording Secretary was directed to reflect in the minutes a quorum totaling 9 members present with 8 remote and 1 in person.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Presented for review and approval:

- Official Designation of Officers
 - Governing Board President – Ms. Norris, Carlinville CUSD #1 Board of Education
 - Governing Board Vice-President – Ms. Haycs, Ramsey County #204 Board of Education
 - Governing Board Secretary – Ms. Throne, Mid-State Executive Secretary
 - Governing Board Treasurer – Ms. Armour, Mid-State Director
 - Executive Committee Chairperson - Dr. Becky Schuchman, Carlinville
 - Executive Committee Vice-Chairperson – Ms. Melissa Ritter, Ramsey
 - Steering & Finance Committee – Dr. Schuchman, Carlinville; Ms. Ritter, Ramsey; Mr. Hopper, Panhandle; Mr. Clark, South Fork
 - Policy Committee – Dr. Schuchman, Carlinville, Mr. Theilen, Edinburg; Mr. Koontz, Mulberry Grove (alternate)
- Minutes from August 27, 2019 MSSE Consolidated Budget Amendment Hearing
- Minutes from August 27, 2019 Governing Board Meeting
- Recommendation for destruction of Executive Session audio recordings older than 18 months – none to destroy
- Annual Delegation of Duties to the Executive Committee
- Annual Delegation of Duties to the Director of Special Education

A motion made by Mr. Dale Brockamp, Morrisonville and seconded by Ms. Kathy Norris, Carlinville to approve all items on the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Brockamp, yes; Swinger, yes; Brandon, yes; Earnest, yes; Sidwell, yes; Hayes, yes; Norris, yes; Adams, yes. Motion carried 8-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Mrs. Armour thanked all members for attending the meeting this evening. Mrs. Armour reported to the Board how Mid-State Special Education is approaching services to students, families, and schools in all district given the varied return-to-learn plans. She noted that the focus prioritizes health & safety; quality services & necessary supports; and the progress of student and well-being of all. Specific examples were provided in each area showcasing specialized staff and recognizing the efforts of all working together to meet needs during this unprecedented time. She noted that as specialists, we are at a great advantage because the work that we have done for decades in order to meet the needs of all students is centered around doing things differently, accommodating, making modifications, individualizing instruction, supports, and therapies. Mrs. Armour emphasized the absolute need to focus on what is really important, students and staff, and

then proceed with kindness, flexibility, and grace with all. She ended by reiterating that we know we are stronger together, especially in difficult times.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Action Items: The following personnel action items that occurred since the August 27, 2019 Governing Board Meeting, were previously approved by the Executive Committee, and were presented for approval.

- o Certified (Full-time) - Lucas Altenberger, School Psychologist, Velvet Balmer, Speech Pathologist
- o Certified (Part-time) - Kay Grabbe, Speech Pathologist (substitute), Deb Koelker, School Psychologist, Becky Sues, Speech Pathologist (substitute), Brenda Patrick, Program Coordinator, Ali Beyers, Speech Pathologist

A motion made by Ms. Kathy Norris and seconded by Mr. Bob Brandon to approve certified personnel action items, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Earnest, yes; Sidwell, yes; Hayes, yes; Brockamp, yes; Swinger, yes; Brandon, yes; Norris, yes; Payne, yes; Adams, yes. Motion Carried 9-0.

Mid-State Policy and Procedures for Behavioral Interventions for Students Eligible for Special Education Services:

Mrs. Armour provided an explanation of the updates to the Policy and Procedures for Behavioral Interventions and the legal recommendation for each local board of education to adopt as well. A motion made by Ms. Brooke Earnest and seconded by Mr. Dan Sidwell to approve the Mid-State Policy and Procedures for Behavioral Interventions for Students Eligible for Special Education. Roll Call Vote: Brandon, yes; Earnest, yes; Sidwell, yes; Brockamp, yes; Hayes, yes; Swinger, yes; Norris, yes; Payne, yes; Adams, yes. Motion Carried 9-0.

FY21 MSSE Consolidated Budget:

A motion made by Ms. Kathy Norris and seconded by Mr. Dan Sidwell to approve the FY21MSSE Consolidated Budget. Roll Call Vote: Earnest, yes; Sidwell, yes; Hayes, yes; Norris, yes; Payne, yes; Adams, yes; Brockamp, yes; Swinger, yes; Brandon, yes. Motion carried 9-0.

DISCUSSION:

The next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mid-State Special Education office in Morrisonville.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Dale Brockamp and seconded by Ms. Brooke Earnest to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hayes, yes; Norris, yes; Payne, yes; Adams, yes; Brockamp, yes; Swinger, yes; Brandon, yes; Earnest, yes; Sidwell, yes. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Vickie Throne, Board Secretary


Governing Board President

8-27-21
Date


Governing Board Secretary

8-25-2021
Date