



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

May 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order on April 17th at 8:00am

Dr. Tafoya, Dr. McTague and Ms. Parks were absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, Meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Dr. Burns discussed the transition for use of contracted services for the Quarterly Related Service Facilitators and that legal counsel was creating a document that would ensure that these positions were no longer viewed as part time employees, but as contracted services paid via accounts payable and 1099 forms.
- Dr. Burns discussed many of the topics of the recent PPS Directors Meeting including Senate Bill 3606 and other bills that would seek to create protected teacher preparatory time for which IEP meeting attendance could not be required in addition to a bill requiring on site visitation within 7 days in the event of an ISBE complaint for isolated timeout and restraint.
- Dr. Burns also discussed an increase in the amount of “professional advocates” and a rise in the number of advocates who are not necessarily concerned with damaging the relationship between parents, students and the school district.
- Dr. Burns discussed the structure for board meetings next year and if the board wished to maintain the current structure. The board desired to maintain the current structure to which Dr. Burns said that he would bring a rough draft of a board meeting calendar at the next meeting.

New Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the status of maintenance of effort for the cooperative member districts.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the efforts to find a Quarterly School Social Worker Network Facilitator in the wake of Ms. Kalas’s retirement.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the end of the month financial reporting and conversations with our treasurer related to this subject.
 - Dr. Burns mentioned that MENTA had installed visual cameras on the exterior grounds that did not record audio sounds.
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- Finance Item- Dr. Burns discussed the March Financial Reports, and the April Bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.