

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held at the Royal Fork Restaurant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery - Harberts and Bailey; Canistota - Nebelsick; Freeman - Miller and Hotchkiss; Hanson - Jarding and Bridge; Marion - Luke and Colberg; McCook Central - Eichacker and Dr. Swartos; Montrose - Johnson; and Parker - Chester and Dr. DeBoer. Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director; Tressie Reski, Business Manager; and Jody Taylor, Tea Area SPED Director. Absent: Canistota - Larson; Montrose - Van Ruler; Tea Area - Lundin and Dr. Lowery.

At 9:50 A.M. President Eichacker called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 16-63 - Agenda - Luke moved seconded by Jarding approve the March 14th, 2017 Agenda as presented.
ALL VOTED YES.

Next, President Eichacker asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. None were presented.

Action # 16-64 - Advisory Board Minutes - Chester moved seconded by Luke to approve the February 15th, 2017 Advisory Board Minutes as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 16-65 - Financial Reports - Jarding moved seconded by Luke to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

February 2017: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$6,507.43; Revenue - Perkins: \$486.00; Expenditures: \$739.99; Closing Balance: \$6,253.44. February 2017: SPED Fund Beginning Balance: \$757,586.10; Revenue - Interest: \$91.33; Other: \$2,950.00; IDEA 611: \$69,828.00; IDEA 619: \$3,578.00; Expenditures: \$121,617.42; Closing Balance: \$712,416.01. ALL VOTED YES.

Action # 16-66 - Monthly Claims - Chester moved seconded by Jarding to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

March 2017 Claims: SPED Fund: A&B Business..repairs & maintenance..156.95; Amazon..non-tech supplies..30.98; Bruna..travel..37.60; Cleveland..travel..137.24; Creviston..travel..364.25; Deelstra..travel..82.72; Dow Rummel..rentals..1,145.83; Harmon Law Office..other professional & tech services..640.00; Holmes..travel..101.52; Johnston..travel..215.26; Kocer..travel..174.84; Kueter..communication..54.40; Midcontinent..communication..221.91; Miller..travel..48.88; PEARSON Clinical Assessment..non-tech supplies..199.50; Petersen..travel..39.48; Peterson..travel..381.17; Picasso..travel..279.18; Randall..travel..24.44; SDASP..registration fees..150.00; Sengos..travel..42.30; TASC..other professional & tech services..199.20; Woltzen..travel..134.42; USPS..postage..15.70; Walmart..non-tech supplies..17.31. **Total Claims March 2017 \$4,895.08; February Payroll \$89,795.29; and Benefits \$24,726.41; Grand Total Expenditures \$119,416.78.**

Action # 16-67 - Surplus equipment - Harberts moved seconded by Luke to surplus (1) HP printer (4500) at zero value.
ALL VOTED YES.

Action # 16-68 - Staff Conflict of Interest policy - Luke moved seconded by Miller to adopt the Staff Conflict of Interest policy.
ALL VOTED YES.

Action # 16-69 - Staff Ethics policy - Jarding moved seconded by Harberts to amend the Staff Ethics policy. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Director Kueter informed the board that (7) schools voted to allow admittance of Ethan into the Cooperative to meet the 2/3rds requirement. Montrose's meeting is March 16th, 2017 and Tea abstained from voting.

Action # 16-70 - Ethan School District admittance fee - Jarding moved seconded by Luke to approve that the admittance fee for the Ethan School District be paid over 3 years. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 16-71 - Employment of Sable McKay - Harberts moved seconded by Chester to approve the employment of Sable McKay as para-professional at the rate of \$13.15 per hour effective January 3rd, 2017. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 16-72 - Speech-Language Pathologist resignations - Luke moved seconded by Miller to accept the resignations of Jenny Holmes, Amy Petersen, Megan Sengos, and Jill Steinback Adams as Speech-Language Pathologists effective June 30th, 2017.
ALL VOTED YES.

Action # 16-73 - Coordinator of Early Childhood and Speech-Language Programs position - Chester moved seconded by Jarding to reduce the school psychologist contract of Alicia Peterson by .35 and add .35 for Coordinator of Early Childhood and Speech-Language programs for the 2017-2018 school year. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 16-74 - Staff Reduction - Luke moved seconded by Miller to reduce (1) Early Childhood Special Education teacher position because of staff reduction. **ALL VOTED YES.**

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Action # 16-75 - Executive Session for personnel - ALL VOTED YES. Harberts moved seconded by Jarding to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel (SDCL 1-25-2(1)) at 10:18 A.M. President Eichacker declared the board out of Executive Session at 10:25 A.M.

Action # 16-76 - Staff Reduction contracts - Jarding moved seconded by Harberts to not renew the contract of Sonya Lyons as Early Childhood Special Education teacher for the 2017-2018 school year due to staff reduction. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 16-77 - Preliminary Budget - Luke moved seconded by Jarding to acknowledge receipt of the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Lastly, Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the board: a) Business office services; b) 2017-2018 Cooperative service calendar; c) Negotiations concerns; and d) Legislation.

Action # 16-78 - Adjournment - At 11:07 A.M. Luke moved seconded by Chester to adjourn the Board of Director's Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 9:45 A.M., at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Stouxs Falls, South Dakota. **ALL VOTED YES.**



Tressie Reski, Business Manager



David Eichacker, Board of Director's President

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