

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Advisory Board for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, June 9th, 2015 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery - Bailey; Canistota - Nebelsick; Freeman - Hotchkiss; Marion - Michelle Larson, Principal; McCook Central - Dr. Swartos; Tea Area - Dr. Lowery and Jody Taylor, SPED Director. Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director; and Deb Esche, Business Manager. Absent: Hanson - Bridge; Montrose - Johnson; and Parker - Dr. DeBoer.

At 9:45 A.M. President Hotchkiss called the Meeting to Order, had the Roll Called, and determined a Quorum was established for conducting business.

Action # 14-91 - Agenda - Swartos moved seconded by Nebelsick to approve the agenda as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 14-92 - Financial Reports - Bailey moved seconded by Nebelsick to approve the May 2015 Financial Reports as presented:

May 2015: General Fund Beginning Balance: \$6,187.12; **Revenue - Perkins:** \$326.00; **Expenditures:** \$0.00; **Closing Balance:** \$6,513.12. **May 2015: Special Education Fund Beginning Balance:** \$629,827.98; **Revenue - Interest:** \$55.00; **Other:** \$1,051.75; **IDEA 611:** \$137,400.00; **IDEA 619:** \$6,789.00; **Expenditures:** \$110,854.08; **Closing Balance:** \$664,269.65. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 14-93 - Monthly Claims - Swartos moved seconded by Lowery to approve the following June 2015 Claims as presented:

June 2015 Claims: General Fund: Bridgewater-Emery..registration fees..3,945.35; Feeman..travel..44.00. McCook Central..other non-consum.supplies..441.00; Parker..registration fees..630.00; Parker..travel..880.01. **Imprest Fund:** Royal Fork..consum.supplies imprest..150.54; Sams Club..consum.supplies imprest..26.66; Walmart..consum.supplies imprest..59.86. **Special Education Fund:** A&B Business..repairs & main. services..164.14; Argus Leader..communication..257.37; Bridgewater-Emery..other professional & tech services..3,497.24; Bruna..travel..145.70; Bruna..travel..37.60; CBM Foodservice..consum.supplies..28.50; Cleveland..travel..148.52; Creviston..travel..198.34; East Dakota Foundation..rentals..10,775.00; Harmon Law Office..other professional & tech services..120.00; Home Federal Fiduciary Fund..consum.supplies..237.06; HyVee..consum.supplies..63.43; JD's House of Trophies..consum.supplies..51.75; Johnston..travel..208.68; Keupp..travel..121.26; Kueter..travel..133.48; Kueter..communication..80.65; Lyons..travel..23.97; Midcontinent..communication..149.69; Office Max..consum.supplies..44.88; Peterson..travel..150.40; Picasso..travel..387.28; Qualified Presort Service..postage..165.83; Randall..travel..74.26; Steinback..travel..69.56; Stevicks..travel..233.12; Tschetter..travel..46.06; Wameworks..other professional & tech services..50.00; Woltzen..travel..172.96; Zulk..travel..159.80. **Total Claims June 2015 \$24,173.95; May 2015 Payroll \$84,039.11; and Benefits \$23,263.30; Grand Total Expenditures \$131,476.36. ALL VOTED YES.**

Election of Advisory Board President - Business Manager Deb Esche assumed the chair and announced that nominations for Advisory Board President were in order. Bailey nominated Hotchkiss seconded by Swartos.

Action # 14-94 - Lowery moved second by Nebelsick that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Hotchkiss. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action # 14-95 - Election of Advisory Board Vice-President - President Hotchkiss announced that nominations for Advisory Board Vice-President were in order. Swartos moved second by Lowery nominating Bailey and moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bailey. **ALL VOTED YES.**

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Action # 14-96 - Approve 2015-2016 Board Meeting dates, times, and sites - Nebelsick moved seconded by Swartos to approve the 2015-2016 Board Meeting dates, times, and sites as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Next, the Advisory Board conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering the proposed budget for the fiscal year of July 1st, 2015 through June 30th, 2016 and its supporting data.

Action # 14-97 - Approve the employment of Jenna Miller, Speech-Language Pathologist - Bailey moved seconded by Nebelsick to approve the employment of Jenna Miller, Speech-Language Pathologist at the salary of \$41,000 effective August 13th, 2015. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Next, Mr. Kueter presented the following items for review and discussion: 1) ESY summer services schedule; 2) 2015-2016 Preschool sites; 3) SLP caseloads and SLP assistant options; 4) Perkins grant; 5) IDEA grant; 6) Medicaid rates and mailer to parents; 7) Hearing screening dates; 8) IEPq training; 9) Extra Ordinary Cost Fund; 10) Number of students serviced in the Cooperative; 11) LifeScape rates; 12) End of year reports; 13) Parental Rights brochures; 14) Para-professional training; and 15) 3-year asbestos inspections.

Lastly, the following superintendent concerns were discussed: 1) Blue Ribbon Task Force; 2) SDHSAA transgender policy; 3) Rep. Deutsch funding plan; 4) PRF; and 5) Website images and license concerns.

Action # 14-98 - Adjournment - At 10:59 A.M. Swartos moved seconded by Nebelsick to adjourn the Advisory Board Meeting. The next Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at the Royal Fork Restaurant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota starting at 9:45 A.M. **ALL VOTED YES.**



Deb Esche, Business Manager



Don Hotchkiss, Advisory Board President