

**MINUTES FOR,
LEYDEN AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

Held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4th, 2020, in the Conference Room of the LASEC offices, located at 10401 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Maguire called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Anderson, Kopta, Petrsek, Katzin, Prather, Rashid, Maguire, Polyak, Kelsall and Wade.

Absent: none

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move to Closed Session as presented by Mr. Prather and seconded by Dr. Wade.

Motion to move to Open Session as presented by Mr. Maguire and seconded by Dr. Wade.

4. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

December 2019 Cash Flow & Financial Report

There was no significant variance in the budget based on the December 2019 cash flow and financial report.

Director's Report

Dr. Welch shared that there is interest from a current special education employee at a member district to complete their Director of Special Education internship at LASEC. The internship would take place over the summer. Also, a current substitute teacher who is in a program to obtain her Illinois credentials to be a School Psychologist expressed interest in completing her School Psychologist Internship through LASEC. Dr. Welch explained that the School Psychologist Internship is a financially compensated internship because the School Psychologist Intern would be completing/assisting the School Psychologist in completing tasks (assessments, etc.). A School Psychologist has to mentor and sign-off on the reports conducted by the School Psychologist Intern Candidate. Discussion around this being a potential recruitment tool for School Psychologists to work at LASEC occurred. The Executive Committee recommended LASEC investigate the various pay structures current districts and cooperatives utilize for the School Psychologist Internship position for the next Executive Committee Meeting.

ED Program Initiative – Update and Discussion

LASEC leadership provided information on the ED Cooperative Program Proposal that included: program description, student profile, job descriptions, program location, teacher salary schedule, implementation timeline and floor plan. The Executive Committee's Boards of Education adopted the Resolution for the ED Program option.

Professional Development Update

Mrs. Potempa provided an update on her Needs Assessments with building leadership on topics for Professional Development. Para Educator Training is a need of member districts. Potential topics to include in the training are: Academic Accommodations, Approaching Student Behavior and Collaborating in the School-Setting. Within these training, opportunities for Para educators to be micro-credentialed could be used to increase participation. Also, Special Education Teachers may attend ESET (Empowering Special Education Teachers). These trainings would be offered on-line

with a small time investment to allow Special Education Teachers to attend from their school with limited disruption to students (i.e. sub coverage). Within these ESET offerings could include: Co-Teaching, Utilizing Para-Educators and Addressing Student Behavior. Special Education Teachers who attend these trainings would be solicited for topics of inquiry as well. Also, the CPI trainers communicated that most trainings will focus on verbal intervention with students and de-escalation techniques instead of physical management. This is in response to the legislation on using restraint and time-out with students.

Articles of Agreement Revision-Update

Mrs. Pembroke shared that the revision has been approved by member districts. Please share the Resolution adoption with Mrs. Pembroke.

TAS Allocations FY 21

TAS allocations for the FY 21 school year were reviewed by the Executive Committee. Under the current model, district allocations remain the same. The Executive Committee discussed the need for the .4 Floater position. Currently, this was a new position for this school year and the person in the position is a retiree who has communicated that she will not be returning for the upcoming school year. The Executive Committee requested information on the usage of it for this school year to determine how to move forward.

Psyche Allocations FY 21

School Psychologist allocations were discussed for the upcoming school year. There is no change in the Psych allocations. At this time, it was recommended to collapse the .5 and the .4 position to make a 1.0 School Psychologist position.

ESP Job Description

LASEC has a 12-month ESP retirement. Initially, this position will be posted internally.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Accounts Payable Dated: 1/2/2020—1/29/2020 -- \$209,154.41
EC Meeting Minutes Dated January 7, 2020

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Mrs. Petrasek and seconded by Mr. Maguire.

Ayes: Anderson, Kopta, Petrasek, Katzin, Prather, Rashid, Maguire, Polyak, Kelsall and Wade.

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve the LASEC Licensed staff allocations for the FY 21 school year as presented by Mrs. Petrasek, and seconded by Mr. Prather.

Ayes: Anderson, Kopta, Petrasek, Katzin, Prather, Rashid, Maguire, Polyak, Kelsall and Wade.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing a LASEC ED Program as presented by Dr. Polyak and seconded by Dr. Wade.

Ayes: Anderson, Kopta, Petrasek, Katzin, Prather, Rashid, Maguire, Polyak, Kelsall and Wade.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

7. ITEMS INITIATED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no items initiated by the Executive Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 10:41 a.m. as presented by Mrs. Petrasek and seconded by Mr. Maguire.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Danielle Welch
Executive Director