

LAGRANGE AREA DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
DIRECTING BOARD MEETING
Open Session Meeting – 8:38 a.m.
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Board Members Present: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Mr. Warren Johnson (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62) arrived at 8:42; Dr. Jeanne Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Mr. Tom Hurlburt (95) arrived at 8:40; Dr. Jonathan Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Mark Van Clay (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Dennis Kelly (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208)

Board Members Absent: None

LADSE Staff Present: Dr. James Surber, Don Leonard, Sue Gallagher; Marc Sgro, Deb Hurley Bularzik, Kelly Voliva, Betsy Miller, Lois Miller, Deb Malnar

Visitors Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion #1: That the Directing Board adjourn into closed session at 8:39 a.m. for the purpose of discussing salary increases for non-collective bargaining staff and the Executive Director's contract.

Moved by Dr. Martin; seconded by Mr. Pellicci
Voice Vote: All Aye; motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion #2: That the Directing Board reconvene the open session at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Kelly; seconded by Dr. Van Clay
Voice Vote: All Aye; motion carried.

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors' comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion # 3: That the Directing Board approves the consent agenda as follows:

- March 4, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Actions (attached to minutes)
- LADSE Cumulative Revenue/Expenditure Monthly Report
- Needs Assessment.
- FY109 Federal Grants
- Disposal of Surplus Property
- Supply Bid
- Transfer of ECE Inventory to Districts
- LADSE DuPage West Cook Representatives
- Second Reading/Approval Policy: Employment of 1:1 Aides

Moved by Dr. Fredisdorf; seconded by Dr. Martin. Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Mr. Warren Johnson (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62) arrived at 8:42; Dr. Jeanne Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Mr. Tom Hurlburt (95) arrived at 8:40; Dr. Jonathan Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Mark Van Clay (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Dennis Kelly (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Voting Nay: None. Absent and Abstain: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Status Report FY08-09 Executive Director's Goals

Dr. Surber reviewed the goal report that was in the Board agenda. A brief summary follows.

Goal #1- Facilitate the restructuring plan as approved by the Board. This goal was accomplished always being mindful of the needs of students throughout the process.

Goal #2 – Continue to support the districts in the development and implementation of their RtI plans. LADSE is far ahead of others with RtI. Many LADSE districts are committed to several levels of service from LADSE for next year. A handout was provided explaining the LADSE supports.

Goal #3 – Support districts in their implementation of expanded ECE programs which are part of the Pre-School for All Grant. A recent visit from the grant auditor confirmed that LADSE has done an outstanding job with this initiative.

Goal #4 – Support districts in the transition to the Easy IEP system. This initiative is moving forward in the area of electronic IEPs. The goal of paperless FACTS forms will hopefully be accomplished by the end of the next school year.

Goal #5 – Strengthen communication with all LADSE stakeholders. The updated LADSE Policy/Procedures manual will be ready for distribution in the fall. Monthly Executive Director's reports have been well received. Monthly meetings between LADSE and LADSE-A have proven to be very beneficial to all. The needs assessment/consumer feedback survey was greatly and successfully expanded through use of Survey Monkey.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (cont.)

Stimulus Funds Update

When LADSE receives the applications from ISGE, they will be passed on to the districts. Each district has to fill out its own application and provide it to LADSE. LADSE will submit on behalf of all districts. All district applications must be submitted together.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the FY10 Budget

The FY10 budget is 0.9% less than the FY09 budget.

Motion #4: That the Directing Board adopt the preliminary LADSE budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This budget may be adjusted to cover the cost of any additional requests by a member district to purchase services for the school year or due to further board action. The budget will be adjusted prior to be placed on public display in August to reflect approximately \$3.7M ARRA funds written for by member districts.

Moved by Mr. Griesbach; seconded by Dr. Armanetti. Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Mr. Warren Johnson (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62) arrived at 8:42; Dr. Jeanne Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Mr. Tom Hurlburt (95) arrived at 8:40; Dr. Jonathan Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Mark Van Clay (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Dennis Kelly (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Voting Nay: None. Absent and Abstain: None. Motion carried.

At the last meeting, there was Board consensus, as a cost savings measure, to change funding sources for some TRS and IMRF positions. At this meeting information was provided showing how equity was achieved for each district with the new allocation of IDEA funds. The Board was also informed that the small amount of additional ARRA IDEA preschool funds coming to LADSE will be applied to the districts' purchased service ECE package bills. This will avoid districts having to write separate sub grants for these funds.

Approval of Non-Collective Bargaining Salaries

Motion #5: That the Directing Board approve a 3.6% salary increase for LADSE non-collective bargaining staff for the school year 2009-10.

Moved by Dr. Lamberson; seconded by Dr. Wahl. Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Mr. Warren Johnson (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62) arrived at 8:42; Dr. Jeanne Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Mr. Tom Hurlburt (95) arrived at 8:40; Dr. Jonathan Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Mark Van Clay (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Dennis Kelly (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Voting Nay: None. Absent and Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Executive Director's Contract 2010-11

Motion #6: That the Directing Board approve the Executive Director's contract for 2010-11 with the salary based on the average percentage increase of the LADSE superintendent salaries, excluding retirement percentage increases, but no less than the 2009-10 salary, and no higher than 6% total creditable TRS earnings.

Moved by Dr. Van Clay; seconded by Dr. Lamberson. Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Mr. Warren Johnson (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62) arrived at 8:42; Dr. Jeanne Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Mr. Tom Hurlburt (95) arrived at 8:40; Dr. Jonathan Lamberson (96); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Mark Van Clay (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Arleen Armanetti (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86); Dr. Robert Sabatino (181); Dr. Dennis Kelly (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Voting Nay: None. Absent and Abstain: None. Motion carried.

CD Calendar Update

At the last meeting the Board approved by consensus a policy that would have the CD program staff and student following the calendar of the host school district. Some issues were raised regarding this new policy and after serious deliberation, it has been decided that at this time LADSE will not be able to follow the new calendar policy completely. LADSE will follow the resident district calendar except for spring break. CD paras will follow individual student calendars and take spring break according to the calendar of the student they support. During the CD program staff spring break (3/29-4/2 next year) CD paras will support the students in their resident district schools. This plan was explained to the Key Communicators at their May 13 meeting. No Board action is required at this time. This calendar issue will be reviewed again next year when member district calendars for 2010-11 are known.

Professional Development

The Board packet contains a recap of district staff attendance at LADSE-sponsored professional development activities during 2008-09. LADSE provides a calendar of professional development offerings to staff early in the school year, which allows them to plan ahead of attendance.

Extended School Year

Dr. Surber thanked Dr. Fredisdorf for once again housing the ESY program in District 107. Approximately 250 students will participate; 11 ECE classes, 4 multi-needs, 5 CD, and 6 cross categorical classes. LADSE will hire 120 staff. All classes meet five days a week starting June 15 through July 15. July 3 will be a non-attendance day.

2009-10 Meeting Dates

Board meeting dates are as follows: October 7, 2009; November 4, 2009; January 20, 2010; March 3, 2010; May 26, 2010. The annual dinner is October 28, 2010.

LADSE Summer Hours

LADSE summer hours begin the week of June 8 and continue through the week of August 3. Monday through Thursday the office will be open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7 That the Directing Board adjourn the regular meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Kelly; seconded by Dr. VanClay

Voice vote: All present Aye.

Motion carried.