

LAGRANGE AREA DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
DIRECTING BOARD MEETING
Open Session Meeting –
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Board Members Present: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Dwyer (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Renate Schuster (181) (arrived 9:10); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208).

Board Members Absent: Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Nicholas Wahl (86).

LADSE Staff Present: Dr. James Surber, Lois Miller, Marc Sgro, Deb Hurley-Bularzik, Don Leonard, Sue Gallagher, Betsy Miller, Kelly Rathbun, Sally Osborne, Deb Malnar.

Visitors Present: Kathy Tomasiewicz.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fredisdorf called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors' comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

First Reading of the LADSE Policy Manual Sections 1 and 2 were removed from the Consent Agenda. Lois Miller has emailed copies to superintendents for review. This will be brought back for first reading at the March 2, 2011 Board meeting.

Motion #1: That the Directing Board approves the consent agenda as follows:

- A Meeting Minutes- November 3, 2010; December 15, 2010
- B. Personnel Actions
- C. First Reading LADSE FY12 Calendar
- D. LADSE Cumulative Revenue/Expenditure Report
- E. LADSE FY10 Annual Audit

Moved by Mr. Pellicci; seconded by Dr. Bonnette.
Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

LADSE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Motion #2: That the Directing board approves the revised LADSE Articles of Agreement as presented.

Moved by Dr. Martin; seconded by Dr. Sophie.
Voice Vote: All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Lois Miller will send superintendents a marked-up copy and a clean copy. Each member district Board of Education must now approve the Articles. After the District Board has approved, a signed copy of Page 8 of the Articles should be sent to Lois Miller.

DISTRICT 181 WITHDRAWAL – Budget/Personnel Reductions

Dr. Schuster told the Board she is uncertain if District 181's resolution for withdrawal will be approved by the requisite majority of 8 Cook County LADSE member districts' Boards of Education. District 181 is attending the Cook County member districts' Board meetings to ask for their approval of the resolution. As of today, they have 4 yes; 2 no; 2 uncertain. Dr. Surber reported that he had been told by the State Board that there is no appeal process with the state should District 181 fail to get the required majority Cook County districts' votes. District 181 presents its petition for withdrawal before the DuPage Regional Office of Education on February 8. Approval is expected.

Mark Fredisdorf reported that the Fiscal Committee met on January 10 and, as charged, are making the recommendation that the base number of evaluations for Early Intervention students (EI) allotted to each district would be based IDEA dollars, and that billing for the purchase of additional evaluations should be consistent with the billing system used for multi-district programs.

Dr. Surber reviewed the changes to the budget reductions that were proposed at the November 3, 2010 Directing Board meeting:

- 1) As requested, the ESP position (FACTS forms) that was to be cut will be reinstated. Additional cuts to the RtI/Professional Development budget will be made.
- 2) LADSE administration proposes three models for EI evaluations: 1) The original proposal for a cost-neutral budget/staff reduction with districts accepting all EI reports; 2) LADSE doing approximately half of the evaluations for students coming from EI offering no purchased service for additional evaluations; 3) LADSE doing half of the evaluations with a purchased service option – estimate of \$3000 per evaluation. When surveyed, in total districts indicated their needs to purchase an additional 23 evaluations.

DISTRICT 181 WITHDRAWAL – Budget/Personnel Reductions (cont.)

Warren Schillingburg announced that his district decided it would be more cost effective to do its own ECE evaluations next year. Based on the number of ECE evaluations LADSE is doing for District 102 this year, he requested the return of a proportionate share of IDEA funds next year. Dr. Surber explained that the IDEA funds allocated to pay for the ECE evaluation team were not proportionate to the number of a district's evaluations which change every year, nor to the portion of IDEA dollars contributed by a particular district. Also factored in is the portion of IDEA dollars contributed by the high school districts who don't receive this service. Dr. Surber explained it would require Board action to change the fiscal structure of LADSE.

Dr. Surber noted that the recommendation in the 2007-08 Elliott Lenoff study to gradually return IDEA funds to districts was rejected by the Board at that time. He said that in light of current fiscal concerns, early in the year the Board had expressed interest in again looking at returning IDEA money. He reminded the Board that he had recommended, and the Board agreed, to wait to discuss returning IDEA dollars until after the Board addressed budget/staff reductions due to the withdrawal of District 181. A fiscal study was then to begin this school year, with recommendations and fiscal decisions finalized before LADSE and District 2011-12 budget preparations. He also noted that the ECE evaluation team/process will be thoroughly reviewed.

There was consensus to systematically study the cooperative fiscal structure and not to make isolated decisions about IDEA funds. At the March 2 meeting, the Board will establish a timeline for a study which will be completed before 2011-12 budget planning. It is the Board's expectation that as part of the study LADSE administration will be responsible for making recommendations of fiscal models for the Board to consider. The Lenoff study should be reviewed.

Motion #3: That the Directing Board approve District 102's request that LADSE return to them in 2011-12 their proportionate share of IDEA funds used to do their ECE evaluations.

Moved by Dr. Sophie; seconded by Dr. Warner.

Voting Aye: Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Renee Schuster (181). Voting Nay: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Dyer (106). Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Abstain: None. Absent: Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Nick Wahl (86). Motion failed.

DISTRICT 181 WITHDRAWAL – Budget/Personnel Reductions (cont.)

Motion #4: That the Directing Board approves the proposed \$1.2MM 2011-12 budget reductions as proposed by administration, with the reinstatement of a 1.0 ESP position to allow LADSE to continue submitting FACTS form for the districts.

Moved by Dr. Warner; seconded by Dr. Sophie.

Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Dyer (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Renee Schuster (181). Dr. Tim Kilrea (204); Dr. David Bonnette (208). Voting Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Nick Wahl (86). Motion carried.

Motion #5: That the Directing Board approve Option 3 for ECE evaluations as recommended by the Fiscal Committee: LADSE will do approximately half of the evaluations for students coming from Early Intervention (EI) programs and districts will have the option to purchase additional EI evaluations for approximately \$3,000 each; the number of EI evaluations allotted to each district will be based on their IDEA dollars and billing for the additional purchased service evaluations will be done in accord with the billing system used for multi-district programs; there will be dedicated days/times to schedule all initial evaluations and staffing and all will be done at LADSE.

Moved by: Dr. Martin; seconded by Mr. Pellicci.

Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Dyer (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Renee Schuster (181). Dr. Tim Kilrea (204). Voting Nay: Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102). Abstain: Dr. David Bonnette (208). Absent: Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Nick Wahl (86). Motion carried.

PROCUREMENT CARDS

The Illinois School Business Officials' organization sponsors membership to a nationwide procurement card (P-Card) program underwritten by the Bank of Montreal. Currently over 200 school districts and cooperatives in Illinois participate in the program. Six of the LADSE districts currently participate in the P-Card program. The P-Card program, while not eliminating purchase order controls, does allow for a more efficient way to make purchases while at the same time entitling LADSE to a 1% rebate on purchases annually. LADSE will have the \$20,000 minimum credit line under the program. Approximately 16 LADSE staff will initially be issued the cards. LADSE will put limits on individual cards, will secure the appropriate employee usage/responsibilities agreements, and closely monitor usage, receipts, etc.

Motion #6: That the Directing Board approves a resolution authorizing the issuance of individual procurement cards to designated LADSE employees.

PROCUREMENT CARDS

Moved by: Dr. Mark Kuzniewski; seconded by Dr. Renee Schuster (181).

Voting Aye: Dr. Sandra Martin (53); Dr. Robert Carlo (61); Mr. Steve Griesbach (62); Dr. Jean Sophie (92½); Mr. Neil Pellicci (94); Dr. Mark Kuzniewski (95); Dr. Brian Barnhart (101); Dr. Warren Schillingburg (102). Dr. Michael Warner (103); Dr. Glenn Schlichting (105); Dr. Robert Dyer (106); Dr. Mark Fredisdorf (107); Dr. Renee Schuster (181); Dr. David Bonnette (208).

Voting Nay: Dr. Tim Kilrea (204). Abstain: None. Absent: Dr. Jon Lamberson (96); Dr. Nick Wahl (86). Motion carried.

PURCHASED SERVICE

Dr. Surber reminded the Board that their requests are due by January 28. In particular it is necessary to know services that will be discontinued because of School Code reduction-in-force deadlines. After March 11, if it is necessary to fill purchased service requests with contractual people, the entire cost will be charged to the requesting district. He reminded superintendents that district budgets should include \$350 per 1.0 FTE purchased, and LADSE staff should have the same access as district staff to laptops and/or PCs and the software necessary to work with students. He asked also that superintendents remind principals to budget for supplies and materials for LADSE multi-district classrooms.

LADSE LEARNING CENTER

Deb Hurley-Bularzik reported that a burst pipe several weeks ago in the LLC displaced 60 students and staff. Kelly Voliva helped secure an ECE classroom at the Oak Brook Park District. Betsy Miller arranged for the Phono and ECE CD classes to be relocated to classrooms at the Hinsdale Episcopal Church. It is anticipated that classes can return to District 86 in 6-8 weeks. Deb commended LADSE staff who have worked evenings and weekends to facilitate this transition, moving and cleaning equipment/supplies, setting up new rooms, keeping in daily contact with parents. Dr. Surber commended Deb for her outstanding work in coordinating staff, students, and facilities to make sure students could attend classes. He also thanked Kelly Voliva and Betsy Miller for their help in relocating the classrooms.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion #7: That the Directing Board adjourn into closed session at 9:40 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment of an Executive Director.

Moved by Dr. Kilrea; seconded by Dr. Martin.

Voice Vote: All present, Aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Motion #8: That the Directing Board return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Moved by Dr. Kilrea; seconded by Dr. Martin.

Voice Vote: All present, Aye. Motion carried.