

MINUTES
EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE
REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2007

A regular meeting of the Eisenhower Cooperative Executive Board was held at the Midlothian School District 143 Board Room September 25, 2007. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

Those present were:

PRESENT: District 126 - ROBERT BERGER
District 127 - RITA WOJTYLEWSKI
District 128 - THERESA SAK
District 130 - MICHAEL KORSAK
District 143 - MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH
District 218 - KEVIN BURNS
SUE IRELAND, Eisenhower Cooperative

Also present were Bob Fennema (Cooperative Business Manager), Carol Costello (Principal of the Care Program), Peg Singleton (Principal of the DHH Program), James Duggan (Principal of Nathan Hale Primary and Intermediate Schools), Rob Grossi (Crystal Financial), Jerry Milligan and Craig Seipka (Gilfallan and Callahan) and Gloria Blaha of the Eisenhower Cooperative, who served as recorder.

2.1 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. KORSAK (130), to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Board of May 29, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

ABSTENTIONS: RITA WOJTYLEWSKI (127)

NAYS: None

There being five ayes. One abstention and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

2.2 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the Closed Session Minutes of May 29, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

ABSTENTIONS DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127)

NAYS: None

There being five ayes, one abstention and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

2.3 A motion was made by DR. BURNS (218), seconded by DR. SAK (128), to approve the Financial Report for May 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 2.4 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to approve the Bills Payable for June and July with the exception of IDEA grant disbursements. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 2.5 A motion was made by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), seconded by DR. SAK (128), to approve the IDEA grant disbursements for Districts 126, 127, 130, 132 and 143.5. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 2.6 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the Eisenhower Cooperative Budget including Revenue and Expense Accounts for the 2007-08 School Year. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

- 4.2 Rob Grossi, from Crystal Financial, distributed a memo from Crystal Financial Consultants, Inc. He spoke of the bank qualification resolutions and construction financing. One lender is asking for the Cooperative to place an amount of money equal to one year of the debt repayment in their bank. This will be used in the unlikely event that the Cooperative defaults on a payment. This money would earn interest and will also serve as the final year's payment of the construction debt. There was concern expressed that this would leave the Cooperative without access to this money for the life of the debt. It was also noted that placing this money into the special account may work to the Cooperative's benefit by lowering the interest rate. The Cooperative was asked to provide its monthly bank balance for the last two years as well as a plan for what would happen should the repayment of the annual debt become problematic. Rob Grossi was asked to address the concern with the bank to see whether they would accept a lower amount of money to be held in reserve. A special Executive Board Meeting may be called on June 28th at 8 a.m. to further discuss this issue if Rob Grossi has a specific proposal from the bank to present to the Board.

DR. REYNOLDS (132) entered the meeting during the above presentation at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Grossi left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

- 4.3 Jerry Milligan of Gilfallan and Callahan distributed revisions of the Eisenhower Cooperative - Hale Campus plan. Mr. Milligan stated that the bids from contractors will be opened on July 18th. Construction could then begin in September.

Craig Seipka of Gilfallan and Callahan gave an update of the construction industry costs. At this time the construction costs are at a high point due to increases in labor and material costs. The initial estimate of \$200 per square foot should be close to where the bids will be coming in. He said the bid documents have some alternate plans included that could save money for the Cooperative. One example given was shifting from a metal to a shingle roof. In some cases, the added cost of the materials correlates with the expected lifetime of the material.

Mr. Milligan and Mr. Seipka left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

3. Director's Report: Action Items

General consensus was that a closed session was not needed.

- 3.1 – A motion was made by DR. BURNS (218), seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to
3.8 approve the resignation of Sara Johnson as a computer instructor at DLP; approve the resignation of Colleen Harrah as a teacher in the DHH Program (position will not be filled at this time); approve the employment of Kerri Gorman as a part-time occupational therapist at a salary of \$43.00 per hour; approve the employment of Stephanie Laning as a first year educational interpreter in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (\$27,523 -80% of first step of ECEA contract); approve the employment of Shannon Bryant as an instructional paraprofessional at DLP (\$10.80 per hour); approve the employment of Morgan Aue as a Behavior Analyst in the CARE Program – (\$34,404 with benefits of paraprofessional); and approve the hourly salary rate of \$61.72 for Bob Fennema, Business Manager, for 2007-08. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. SAK (128), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KORSAK (130), DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being seven ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried.

DR. REYNOLDS (132) left the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

- 3.9 The Board considered the use of a part-time project manager for the Cooperative's construction project. DR. KEVIN BURNS stated that Don Anderson would do an excellent job in this role. This item will be brought back to the Board in August.

4. Director's Report: Informational Items

- 4.1 Dr. Ireland stated that Dr. Smith conducted the "Getting On Board" training on June 14th with 15 participants.

- 4.4 The *Cooperative Clips* for June was highlighted.
 - 4.5 The Eisenhower Cooperative has developed its own Developmental Diagnostic Team for 2007-08. The team will include John Larsen (psychologist), Judy Gray (nurse), Sandy Colins, occupational therapist, and Sam Rahima (speech therapist). Other evaluators will be added as needed.
 - 4.6 The welcoming luncheon for new members of the Cooperative Executive Board is August 6, 2007 at the Limestone Grill at 12 p.m. The new members are Dr. Kathleen Casey, District 128 and Dr. John Byrne, District 218.
 - 4.7 PCG will be the vendor providing Easy IEP and Easy Fax. The fee will be \$12.50 per year per IEP student. The fees will be paid through IDEA grant funds for all Cooperative students with IEPs. The Cooperative will enter into a three year contract. Several Cooperatives have pooled their childcount numbers and have exceeded the 17,500 students needed to bring the annual fee to \$12.50 per student. If the Cooperative were not part of this large pool, the fee would be \$19.00 per student. These collaborating Cooperatives will all be using identical IEP forms which resulted in the reduced cost.
 - 4.8 August Board meeting will be on August 6th at 10:00 a.m. in order to address construction issues including bid approval.
 - 4.9 The Executive Board Meeting Schedule 2007-08 School Year is included in the packet.
 - 4.10 Proposed Part 226 rules - The proposed Part 226 rules for special education include a provision that a plan regarding the work load for special educators will need to be developed collaboratively with the bargaining unit of the district. This area of the proposed rules is very problematic. The proposed Part 226 regulations went to JCAR on June 13th. At that meeting, JCAR did not lift the prohibition on the Response to Intervention, class size, case load and work load sections of Part 226. JCAR is seeking further input before determining whether to lift the prohibition on those components of the rules.
5. Announcements – Dr. Ireland thanked Bob Fennema for all the work he put into developing the new budget.
- MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143) thanked DR. SAK (128) and DR. BURNS (218) for their years of service on the Eisenhower Cooperative Board and presented them with gift certificates.
6. Audience Participation – None
 7. A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all members present voted aye. The Chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.