

MINUTES  
EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
February 27, 2007

A regular meeting of the Eisenhower Cooperative Executive Board was held at the Midlothian School District 143 Board Room February 27, 2007. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Those present were:

PRESENT: District 125 - THOMAS LIVINGSTON  
District 126 - ROBERT BERGER  
District 127 - RITA WOJTYLEWSKI  
District 127½ - JOYCE KLEINAITIS  
District 128 - THERESA SAK  
District 130 - MICHAEL KORSAK  
District 143 - MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH  
District 218 - KEVIN BURNS  
SUE IRELAND, Eisenhower Cooperative

Also present were Carol Costello (Principal of the CARE Program), Bob Fennema (Cooperative Business Manager), Shawn Fornek (Principal of the DLP Program), Peg Singleton (Principal of the DHH Program), and Gloria Blaha of the Eisenhower Cooperative, who served as recorder.

2.1 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Board of January 30, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

ABSTENTIONS: MR. BERGER (126)

NAYS: None

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

2.2 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve the Financial Report for January 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

2.3 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), to approve the Bills Payable for March with the exception of IDEA grant disbursements. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

2.5 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), to approve the IDEA grant disbursements for District 126. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

### 3. Director's Report: Action Items

3.1 A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the resignation of Lori L'Heureux as a paraprofessional at the Developmental Learning Program. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: DR. LIVINGSTON (125), MR. BERGER (126), DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. SAK (128), DR. KORSAK (130), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

### 4. Director's Report: Informational Items

4.1 Advisory Board Meeting and Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Limestone City Grill. The superintendents were asked to confirm a count for the luncheon.

4.2 The *Cooperative Clips* for February was highlighted.

4.3 Dana Dudzik and Beth Marta each received a \$500 technology grant from the Illinois Supervisors of Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals. Only three awards were given this year across the state and staff from the Eisenhower Cooperative received two of the three awards.

MR. WRIGHT (143 1/2) entered the meeting at this point at 10:39 a.m.

4.4 A representative of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Senator Barak Obama responded to the letter Dr. Ireland wrote concerning Medicaid funding for school-based

medical services and Administrative Outreach. Based on the letters, it appears that there may be significant reductions or the elimination of Medicaid funding for school-based services as well as Administrative Outreach.

- 4.5 Our law firm prepared a letter that can be given to paraprofessionals who do not meet the ISBE requirements by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Nine paraprofessionals still need ISBE approval. In March, the Board will be given the names of those paraprofessionals who will need to receive dismissal letters.
  - 4.6 There is a new state requirement under the 23 Illinois Administrative Code, Section 25:550 that requires school based interpreters to pass the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a score of 3.0 by July 1, 2007. Currently only one of the Cooperative's five interpreters has met the requirement. The Cooperative will be waiting to dismiss those staff members who have not met the requirement until later in the spring as it is awaiting test results on a staff member who took the test. In addition, there may be some relaxation of the requirements due to the backlog in the administration and scoring of the tests.
  - 4.7 The construction project and financing of the Cooperative's new building were discussed. Rob Grossi emailed all superintendents and asked whether their districts will be issuing more than ten million dollars in debt this year. Board members present indicated that their districts were not issuing that level of debt.
  - 4.8 District 132 student is an Infinitec Student Technology Award Recipient. Only eight students in over 70 districts are recipients of the award this year. Four Cooperative occupational and physical therapy staff members and the assistive technology specialist work with this student at Calumet School.
5. Announcements – None
  6. Audience Participation ( None)
  7. A motion was made by DR. SAK (128), seconded by DR. WOJTYLEWSKI (127), to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all members present voted aye. The Chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.