

MINUTES
EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE
REGULAR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2007

A regular meeting of the Eisenhower Cooperative Executive Board was held at the Midlothian School District 143 Board Room April 24, 2007. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Those present were:

PRESENT:

District 126 - ROBERT BERGER
District 127½ - JOYCE KLEINAITIS
District 130 - MICHAEL KORSAK
District 132 - ELIZABETH REYNOLDS
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), Bill Smith (former Superintendent of School District 126), Rob Grossi (Crystal Financial) and Dawn Harrah of the Eisenhower Cooperative, who served as recorder.

2.1 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by DR .BURNS (218), to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Executive Board of March 20, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

2.2 A motion was made by DR. KORSAK (130), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 20, 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

2.3 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to approve the Financial Report for March 2007. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), 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. BURNS (218), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve the Bills Payable for May with the exception of IDEA grant disbursements. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), 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. KORSAK (130), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), to approve the IDEA grant disbursements for Districts 128 and 218. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

- 4.1 Bill Smith, former School District 126 Superintendent, discussed the "Getting On Board" workshop he will be presenting. The Board agreed to schedule the "Getting On Board" for Thursday, June 14, 2007 beginning at 7:00 P.M. DR. BURNS (218) will reserve the Petersen Academy for this.
- 4.2 Rob Grossi, representative from Crystal Financial, discussed the financing for the construction of the Eisenhower Cooperative building. He is putting together financial data from all ten member school districts that can be sent to potential lenders. Rob Grossi distributed a draft of a document that will need to be approved and signed by the Boards of Educations of the member districts in order to secure the most favorable borrowing rate for the Cooperative. Each district Board will need to affirm that they will not be borrowing more than ten million dollars this year based on two factors: their portion of the Cooperative debt plus any borrowing that will be done by the district. The final document will be available at the May board meeting. The Cooperative districts should take this document to their Boards of Education at their June meetings for approval.

3. Director's Report: Action Items

- 3.1 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve Policy 5:181 General Personnel – Workers' Compensation. The roll was called on this motion with the following result:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

- 3.2- 3.5 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by DR. REYNOLDS (132), to approve the parental leave for Kelly Ferguson from August 27, 2007 through October 26, 2007; to approve the retirement requests of Lil Bartee and Dawn Smith, paraprofessionals in the CARE Program; to approve the employment of James Healy as an instructional assistant in the CARE Program; and to approve the resignation of Kathleen Foy, speech pathologist, in the Developmental Learning Program. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

- 3.6 A motion was made by DR. BURNS (218), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), to approve the addition of a 3 day per week occupational therapist for the 2007-08 school year. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

- 3.7 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to enter into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment or dismissal of individual personnel. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting went into closed session at 11:22 a.m.

A motion was made by DR. REYNOLDS (132), seconded by DR. BURNS (218), to enter into open session. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.

- 3.8 A motion was made by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), seconded by MR. BERGER (126), to approve the salary and benefit structure for school-based educational interpreters effective for the 2007-2008 school year. The roll was called on this motion with the following results:

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

- 3.9 A motion was made by MR. BERGER (126), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5) to approve the dismissal of Barbara Galloy, Matthew Galloy and Joy Palomo-Clark, educational interpreters, if they do not produce evidence of an ISBE statement of approval to serve as educational interpreters by May 21, 2007.

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130),
DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

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

Director's Report: Informational Items

- 4.3 Sue Ireland brought the board up to date on the construction plans for the Cooperative. DR. BURNS (218) suggested hiring an overseer of the construction project. He said that he knows of two people that can serve in this role. They have provided construction oversight services to District 218 at an hourly rate of \$25.00 to \$35.00 per hour. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143) suggested a future discussion on this matter, possibly at the May board meeting.
- 4.4 The *Cooperative Clips* was highlighted.
- 4.5 DR. IRELAND informed the Board that they are invited to the RSNLT School Administrators' Conference. This conference is free to members of the Eisenhower Cooperative Board.

- 4.6 DR. IRELAND discussed the new hourly rate for RSNLT for legal services.
- 4.7 DR. IRELAND discussed billing for Physical Therapy services. She suggested the Cooperative bill at the same rate as Occupational Therapy services beginning next year. The rationale for this proposal was given. The Board asked that this be put on the May Board meeting agenda for approval.
- 4.8 DR. IRELAND informed the Board that four Cooperative paraprofessionals who do not have ISBE approval to serve in that role next school year will be dismissed at the end of the school year.
- 4.9 DR. IRELAND discussed the administration of the Illinois Alternate Assessment. Reading, Math and Science alternate assessments will be piloted in the fall. The results of the pilot tests must be submitted online. The actual tests will be administered in the spring of 2008.
- 4.10 DR. IRELAND discussed NCLB and the 2% allowance for students to be tested using modified achievement standards. She also mentioned that Becky McCabe has resigned as the manager of the ISBE Assessment Division.

Announcements – DR. IRELAND handed out the brochure for the Chicagoland Institute Conference to be held August 8-10, 2007 in Oak Brook, IL. The Cooperative will pay for district staff to attend this conference. The Eisenhower Cooperative is a cosponsor of the Institute and receives a significantly reduced rate. DR. IRELAND thanked Dr. Carol Costello for the great work she does with regard to Professional Development.

Audience Participation – None

A motion was made by DR. BURNS (218), seconded by DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: MR. BERGER (126), DR. KLEINAITIS (127.5), DR. KORSAK (130), DR. REYNOLDS (132), MR. HOLLINGSWORTH (143), DR. BURNS (218)

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the chairman declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.