

October 6, 2022

To: TCSEA Executive Board
From: Scott Hogan, Director
Re: Board of Directors Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2022** at **1:30 p.m.** at the Bloomington TCSEA main office, 108 E. Hamilton Rd., Bloomington, IL 61704.

For those of you who need to attend virtually, please post the agenda only outside the room where you will join from by Tuesday at 1:30.

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If you will be unable to attend, please notify my office as soon as possible. In addition, if you have any questions regarding the agenda, please feel free to contact me prior to the Board Meeting.

Tri- County Special Education Association
105 E. Hamilton Road
Bloomington, Illinois 61704

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022
TCSEA Board Room
1:30 PM

A G E N D A

Curt Nettles – Presiding

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Additions/Deletions
- IV. Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Approval of August Board Minutes
 - B. Approval of Treasurer’s Reports
- V. Public Participation
- VI. Administrative Report
 - A. Director’s Report
- VII. Executive Session
 - A. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Approval Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Retirement, Resignation or Dismissal of Employees
 - 1. Approve of Callie Estes resignation, effective October 21, 2022.
 - B. Approval of the TCSEA audit with **NO** A133 audit this year. The audit will be completed by our October 13th board meeting and will be distributed at that time. Robin Yockey will be in attendance to discuss the audit.
 - C. Discussion and possible approval of 2 interns for the 2023-24 school year – One Specialist level Psych interns and one Social Work intern. No doctoral level intern will be needed.
 - D. Discussion and approval to put two students through a school psych or SSW program beginning in the summer of 2023. By getting rid of our two PhD interns, we save more money than it will cost to put two students through a school psych program.
- IX. Old Business
- X. Good of the Cause Participation
- XI. Adjournment

Agenda Background

Item IV Consent Agenda

- A. **Minutes** - Attached you will find the Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held August 25, 2022.
- B. **Treasurer's Reports** - Attached are the treasurer's reports for the months of July and August 2022. The director recommends approval.

Item VI Administrative Report

- A. **OSEP and ISBE are continuing to emphasize LRE in focused monitoring and Data Cohorts**

As discussed previously, ISBE is focus monitoring Indicator 5a, which is assessing your percent of students being educated in the general education environment 80% or more of every school day. ISBE has a target of 52.9% for this year’s focused monitoring, but are hoping to increase that target in future years to get closer to the 65% national average. To assist districts in planning for the future, I asked Laurie Harpenau to compile the following data on October 5th of this year. As you are aware, smaller districts will have percentages that vary more throughout the year, given that changes of one student have a larger impact on percentages.

School District	Number of Special Education Students K-12	Number of Special Education students in EE code 01	% of students spending 80% of day in General Ed.
Blue Ridge	90	61	67.78%
CEL	33	25	75.76%
Clinton	306	142	46.41%
EPG	161	92	57.14%
Hartem	14	12	85.71%
Heyworth	100	47	47.00%
Leroy	110	73	66.36%
Lexington	54	34	62.96%
Lincoln #27	201	88	43.78%
Lincoln #404	116	63	54.31%
Mt. Pulaski	75	38	50.67%
NHM	11	2	18.18%
Olympia	287	158	55.05%
Ridgeview	86	59	68.60%
Tri-Valley	139	90	64.75%
WLB	29	13	44.82%

While 65% is a good target, I think it is important to remember that 100% should never be the goal. Student placement must be determined by need and not a statistic for the district. Some students need more time outside general education while others need more time within general education. I believe the data cohorts are a

better way to look at that data than focused monitoring, and we are continuing to encourage ISBE in that direction as they now have more flexibility due to ESSA.

Another piece of important data you want to look at is Indicator 5c which is the percent of students in a separate school, private day school or residential. ISBE's target for indicator 5c is 12.87% and that is decreasing every year through 2025 with a target of 12.4%

- B. **Local Legal Workshop** - Brandon Wright will come in this Spring to conduct another legal workshop for area administrators. Please encourage your principals to attend.
- C. **TCSEA continues to work with local and national universities** to find a virtual program for Psychologists, Social Workers and SLPs. I will update you all at the board meeting on our progress.
- D. With **Medicaid** expanding, TCSEA has options for you to avoid listing aides (who you can now bill Medicaid for) in your grant. By paying your assessment to the Cooperative with federal dollars and paying your aides out of local dollars you will maximize your Medicaid reimbursement. I will be coming around to meet with you and/or your bookkeepers to amend this year's grants.

Item VII Executive Session

- A. **Approval Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Retirement, Resignation or Dismissal of Employees**

Item VIII New Business

- A. **Approval Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Retirement, Resignation or Dismissal of Employees**
 - 1. The Director recommends approval of Callie Estes resignation effective 10/22/2022. This puts us down a full time COTA and full time OT. We are currently looking at contractual OT and COTA services to meet student and district needs. Please be patient as we search for solutions. We will also discuss other things we can do to attract contractual staff.
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Item XI. Adjournment