

**Tri-County Special Education Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

The Executive Committee met for a regular session on February 8, 2024 at Tri-County Special Education , 105 E. Hamilton Rd., Bloomington IL

I. **Call to Order**

Dr. O'Donnell, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Nettles, Mr. Deters, Mr. Froebe, Dr. Heck, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Stricklin, Mr. Lamkey, Mr. Derges, Mr. Young, and Director. Hogan. Dr. Stanifer was in attendance via Zoom.

The following members were not present: Ms. Irwin and Mr. Baughman

A quorum was declared present

III. **Additions/Deletions**

There were no items for additions/deletions

IV. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of December Board Minutes
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion was made by Mr. Stricklin, second by Mr. Nettles to approve the consent items as presented. On roll call, all in favor. Motion carried.

V. **Public Participation**

Sarah Epplin, TCSEA Assistant Director; Ginger Payne, TCSEA Assistant Director; Lyndsay Gloede, TCSEA Supervisor; and Tammy Hughes, TCSEA Psychologist were also present.

VI. **Administrative Report**

The Director presented the Director's Report and provided opportunities for questions.

VII. **Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Deters, seconded by Mr. Derges to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:34 p.m.

Resumed Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

VIII. **New Business**

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

1. Director's Evaluation - Discussion and possible approval of the Director's evaluation.

Motion by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Heck to approve the Director's Evaluation.

Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Nettles, Mr. Deters, Mr. Froebe, Dr. Heck, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Stricklin, Mr. Lamkey, Mr. Derges, Mr. Young, Dr. Stanifer: 11 - Ayes; 0 - Nays

Motion carried.

2. Discussion of the resignation of Alexis Kufner, 1 FTE COTA
3. The Director recommends adjusting the pay of existing PT, OT, COTA's and PTA's.

Motion by Mr. Nettles, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to adjust the pay of existing PT, OT, COTA's and PTA's

Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Nettles, Mr. Deters, Mr. Froebe, Dr. Heck, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Stricklin, Mr. Lamkey, Mr. Derges, Mr. Young, Dr. Stanifer: 11 - Ayes; 0 - Nays

Motion carried.

4. Discussion of a Potential Psych candidate from Olympia that is planning to start a school psych program in the late Spring.

B. Discussion Items

1. First reading of FY 25 Proposed Budget - Director Hogan informed the Board that there will be a need to have a revised budget in the future.
2. Discussion of shared services by TCSEA
 - a. *TeachTown* - Director Hogan discussed the districts currently using TeachTown and the possibility of doing a group buy.
 - b. *Next Up* - Director Hogan discussed the program and that Special Education Administration had attended a presentation on the program and discussed costs of the program
 - c. *Creatively Focused* - Director Hogan discussed the

program and said that Clinton is the only District using it. Mr. Nettles discussed the program and stated that Kari Veldman, Clinton Special Education Administrator, likes the program. Director Hogan said that he would be happy to help facilitate other Districts using the program

3. Discussion of April 24th Brandon Wright Administrative Academy - Director Hogan stated that TCSEA would be hosting the Administrative Academy again this year but could look into other options for next year if the Board would like him to. Registration will open up on March 18th on the ROE website and it will be held at the IEA office with a cap of 55 people.

IX **Old Business**

- A. RUS-DLT Grant and IDPH Grant - Director Hogan reported that the grant money has not been released yet.

X. **Good of the Cause Participation**

None

XI. **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Lamkey, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Approved: Laura O'Donnell
Dr. Laura O'Donnell, Chairman

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Date