

**MINUTES FOR,
LEYDEN AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

Held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, in the Conference Room of Franklin Park School District 84 offices, located at 2915 Maple Street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Jonak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Director's Report

The committee reviewed the State Performance Plan data for the cooperative and each member district reviewed their data as compared to state and national data. It was clarified that the Technical Assistance Supervisors are receiving this data. Also, we are consistently reviewing appropriate LRE expectations and they are working with teams to provide services appropriately in an inclusive learning environment. The discussion led to the need for a closer data review to be held with individual member districts and where needed develop the next step on how to support improvement for services in the LRE.

3.2. Professional Learning Update

The report was reviewed as presented in the board packet. Mr. Jonak provided praise regarding the flyer sent to local university teaching programs to recruit pre-service educators for para positions and substitute roles.

3.3. ESY Update

The report was reviewed as presented with no further discussion.

3.4. Early Childhood Update

The committee reviewed the report and discussed options on how to meet the needs of EC students. Ms. Potempa reviewed in the coming weeks, that we will need ECSE space for a student and that multiple students are projected to need space in January. The committee asked about the PFA grant opening. Dr. Kopta reviewed there is a discussion the state will be opening the grant applications soon. The committee discussed who had physical space in their districts to expand their PFA grant which would also provide inclusive opportunities to support students with disabilities.

3.5. Review of Phoenix Lease

The committee reviewed the report and discussed the plan to continue the course as outlined in the report. It was also pointed out that the current ECSE and the needs of students in early

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elementary special education services need to be monitored as it pertains to cooperative programming resources available and space to support programming.

3.6. Cash Flow Report-September 2023

The report was reviewed as presented with no further discussion.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. Accounts Payable Dated: 9/1/2023-10/12/2023 - \$158,143.39

4.2. The EC Minutes for Meeting September 12, 2023

4.3. Closed Session Minutes September 12, 2023

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Dr. Kelsall and seconded by Dr. Polyak.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nayes: none

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

Motion Carried

5. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move to closed session at 9:13 as presented by Mr. Prather and seconded by Dr. Katzin.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nayes: none

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

Motion Carried

“The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.” 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

The EC Committee exited the Closed Session at 9:40 and returned to Open Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

6. ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve Action Item 1. Approve Business Manager Contract Extension as presented by Mr. Prather and seconded by Dr. Kopta.

Roll Call:

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Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nayes: none

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

Motion Carried

7. ITEMS INITIATED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Jonak and Dr. Kopta reviewed they had a meeting with the Superintendent from Norridge School Dist 80 to review the support available through the cooperative. At this point, Norridge School District 80 does not have a need for the cooperative resources however should needs change they will reach out.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. as presented by Dr. Polyak and seconded by Dr. Kelsall.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Dr. Nick Polyak, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nayes: none

Absent: Dr. Diego Giraldo & Mr. Michael Maguire

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin M. Wolf
Executive Director