

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

Held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in the Conference Room of LASEC offices, located at 10401 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Jonak called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion to reorganize the agenda as presented by Dr.Kelsall and seconded by Dr. Kopta.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nays: none

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion Carried

2. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move to closed session at 8:01 a.m. as presented by Dr. Kelsall and seconded by Mr. Prather for the purpose of

“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)

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nays: none

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion Carried

The EC Committee moved to Closed Session at 8:02 a.m.

The EC Committee exited the Closed Session at 8:46 a.m. and returned to Open Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Director's Report

The report was reviewed as presented with clarification of the timing of interviews for the Assistant Director position and who is part of the interview team.

4.2. Professional Learning Update

The report was reviewed as presented with a discussion of the importance of Specially Designed Instruction and tools to support instructional practices.

Dr. Kelsall excused herself from the meeting at 8:55.

4.3. Early Childhood Services

The report was reviewed as presented with Dr. Katzin sharing Franklin Park SD 84 has completed documentation with ISBE for PFA expansion. Dr. Kopta shared the positive news of increased funding for the PFA grant. It was reviewed that the PFA environment provides inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities in early childhood services.

4.4. FOIA request - Patrick Lee - IL State Volunteer for Change the Air Foundation

The request was reviewed as presented with no further questions.

4.5. Cash Flow-November 2023

The report was reviewed as presented with no further discussion.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Accounts Payable Dated: 11/06/2023-11/30/2023 - \$78,673.45

5.2. The EC Minutes for Meeting November 14, 2023

5.3. Closed Session Minutes November 14, 2023

5.4. Personnel:

5.4.1. Resignations and Hires

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Mr. Prather and seconded by Dr. Kopta.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, & Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Nayes: none

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion Carried

6. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move to closed session at 9:18 a.m. as presented by Mr. Maguire and seconded by Dr. Katzin for the purpose of

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, & Mr. Michael Maguire

Nays: none

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Motion Carried

The EC Committee moved to Closed Session at 9:18 a.m.

The EC Committee exited the Closed Session at 9:31 a.m. and returned to Open Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

7. ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve Action Item 1. Approve Notice to remedy as presented by Mr. Maguire and seconded by Dr. Katzin.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion Carried

8. ITEMS INITIATED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Kopta requests that the February Executive Committee meeting be held at Pennoyer School. The committee was in agreement to hold its regularly scheduled meeting at Pennoyer in February.

Dr. Rashid shared River Grove has a special education teaching vacancy for K-2 self-contained services as of the return from winter break.

Mr. Prather asked the committee to discuss his district's ability to direct hire for hard-to-fill and retain positions. The committee agreed to discuss this topic at the January Executive Committee Meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. as presented by Dr. Kelsall and seconded by Dr. Giraldo.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. John Jonak, Dr. Kristin Kopta, Dr. Diego Giraldo, Dr. David H. Katzin, Mr. Jim Prather, Dr. Jan Rashid, Mr. Michael Maguire, & Dr. Jennifer Kelsall

Absent: Dr. Nick Polyak

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin M. Wolf
Executive Director