

TAZEWELL-MASON COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 13, 2021

The Executive Committee of Tazewell-Mason Counties Special Education Association held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at TMCSEA/Schramm Educational Center, Room 125, Pekin, IL. Dr. Owens called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Present at roll call were: Dr. Owens, Dr. Brooks, Mr. Ingold, Dr. Hill, Dr. Link, Dr. Greuter, Dr. Hellrigel and Dr. Allaman.

Others in attendance: Kristina Neville, Charity Adams and Terrie Schappaugh.

Joint Consent – Open & Closed Session Minutes of September 8, 2021, Destruction of Verbatim Records, Accounts Payable and Year to Date Expenditure Reports:

The information and materials presented outline the regular monthly business of the Association. The September 8, 2021 open session minutes, destruction of verbatim records (Audio Recordings) of August 12, 2020 closed session meeting, monthly accounts payable, and cash flow statements were approved as presented. The monthly Expenditure Report, Schramm Activity Fund Report, and Imprest Fund Report were also made available at the time of this meeting.

The motion was made by Dr. Greuter and seconded by Dr. Link to approve the Joint Consent items as presented. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

Audience Participation:

There were no requests for audience participation.

Old Business

A. Districts' Financial Payments:

All district's financial payments are current.

B. IDEA Grants:

Final FY22 IDEA Preschool, Flow Through, and Nonpublic Proportionate Share Allocations have not been released by ISBE. TMCSEA will provide an IDEA Grant Support Meeting on October 26 for member districts. This meeting will take place at the Rogers Professional Development Center in North Pekin at 9:00am.

American Rescue Plan IDEA ESSER III allocations are forthcoming to districts and have not yet been released by ISBE. These dollars are considered supplemental IDEA funds, which will be a separate grant application via IWAS.

C. ESSER Grants

The ESSER I Grant was originally submitted in June 2020. In order to access unexpended FY20 ESSER I funds and submit a final expenditure report to ISBE, a new grant application must be submitted for FY22. The Director asks for approval to submit the ESSER I Grant application to ISBE. The ARP ESSER III Grant has been amended to update budget detail. The total grant amount remains the same.

The motion was made by Dr. Greuter and seconded by Dr. Hellrigel to approve the ESSER Grant amendments as presented. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

D. Revised Special Education Procedures (Exhibit #1):

On behalf of our member districts, TMCSEA has updated our special education procedures to remain compliant with federal & state regulations, rules and requirements. All district superintendents and/or school boards are asked to review and approve these procedures at the local level. TMCSEA will send a revised assurance statement to ISBE later this fall.

The motion was made by Dr. Hellrigel and seconded by Dr. Hill to approve the Revised Special Education Procedures as presented. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

New Business

A. Joint Consent:

There were no items for New Business Joint Consent.

B. Informational:

1. Resignation of Rachel Leman, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (Exhibit #2):

The Director is informing the Executive Committee of the resignation of Rachel Leman, COTA, effective on March 2, 2022.

2. Revision of Return to School Plan:

The TMCSEA/Schramm Educational Center Return to School Plan has been updated to incorporate *Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools Part 5* from ISBE/IDPH on 9/21/21. The revised plan will be posted on our website and shared with staff, families, and member districts.

C. Gorenz & Associates Audit Presentation – Material Distributed at Meeting:

Russ Runbold, representing the audit firm of Gorenz & Associates, presented audit results to the Executive Committee.

The motion was made by Dr. Allaman and seconded by Mr. Ingold to approve the Association's audit as presented. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

D. Approval of TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution (Exhibit #3):

Illinois law – 40 ILCS 5/16-204 – requires Teachers' Retirement System to offer an optional defined contribution benefit to eligible active members of the System. To comply with this law, TRS has contracted with Voya Financial to develop and offer the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP). The SSP is a 457(b) retirement plan.

The motion was made by Mr. Ingold and seconded by Dr. Greuter to approve the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan as presented. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

E. Initial Interest Survey – Cooperative Satellite Program (Exhibit #4)

Since TMCSEA has available classroom space in our Satellite location at 109 Rogers Road in North Pekin, we have an opportunity to consider expansion of cooperative special education programming in the future. An initial survey was sent to member district superintendents and special education administrators seeking interest regarding the need for the cooperative to offer a potential satellite program. The survey results are summarized in Exhibit #4.

F. LEA Overall Determinations 2020-2021 (Exhibit #5):

States are required to make determinations on the performance of each LEA based on Indicators identified by the federal government and delineated in the State Performance Plan (SPP). These Indicators are separated into Compliance Indicators (which measure compliance with IDEA regulations) and Results Indicators (which measure outcomes for students with disabilities). These Indicator measures are separated into four groups: Early Childhood Outcomes; Secondary Outcomes; Additional Outcomes; and Fiscal Outcomes. Targets and measures of success are derived from the IDEA Part B State Performance Plan for Illinois, ESSA State Plan for Illinois, and single audit findings issued to Illinois LEAs.

Exhibit #5 reflects the State Performance Plan (SPP) Indicators Overall LEA Determination for districts within Tazewell and Mason counties. Eighteen member districts have an LEA Determination of Meets Requirements with Universal (Tier 1) Support. Two member districts are identified as Needs Assistance with Universal (Tier 1) Support. One member district is identified as Needs Intervention with Intensive (Tier 3) Support. ISBE is providing coaching to the district in Tier 3, and the Director will assist the District Accountability Team with corrective action and improvement planning as requested. TMCSEA will continue to provide training and support to districts on required performance indicators.

G. School Psychologist Intern Position for the 2022-2023 School Year:

TMCSEA currently employs a School Psychologist Intern from Western Illinois University at an annual salary of \$28,000. By recruiting local School Psychologist Interns, the Director hopes to expand the pool of viable candidates to fill vacant School Psychologist positions at TMCSEA and member districts in the future. The Director recommends the cooperative post and actively recruit a full-time School Psychologist Intern for the 2022-2023 school year. Currently, the cost of the School Psychologist Intern position is funded as a shared cost billed to member districts as part of TMCSEA's Low Incidence Diagnostic & Consultation Services.

The motion was made by Dr. Hellrigel and seconded by Dr. Link to approve the School Psychologist Intern position for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call was taken and motion carried.

Closed Executive Session

There are no items for closed session.

Action Items

There were no action items for this month's meeting.

Other Business/Information

The Director reviewed the FYI report.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** at the TMCSEA/Schramm Educational Center, Room 125, Pekin, IL, at **8:00am**.

Mr. Ingold motioned and Dr. Hill seconded to adjourn the meeting with all parties in attendance voting aye. The Executive Committee meeting ended at 8:57am.

Danielle Owens, Chairperson
TMCSEA Executive Committee

Terrie Schappaugh, Secretary
TMCSEA Executive Committee