Knox-Warren Special Education District

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Knox Warren Special Education District
Executive Board Meeting
311 East Main Street, Galesburg, IL 61401
February 16, 2021

Members Present: Via Phone
District 202: Mr. Burgess
District 208: Mr. Sornberger
District 304: Mr. Whitsitt
District 210: Mr. Farquer
District 276: Dr. Curry
ROE: Mrs. Scott
KWSED: Mr. Crowl

Members Absent

Members Late: Via Phone
District 238: Mr. Fletcher

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-10 issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker, this Board meeting will take place virtually. Members of the public may listen by calling (US 1 929-282-0885) and entering PIN number (519 947 499) followed by #. Members of the public will not be allowed to participate in the meeting and will be asked to identify themselves so their virtual attendance can be entered in the minutes of the meeting. If members of the public wish to make a public comment, it must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2021. Public comments can be emailed to zcrowl@kwsed.org.

EXECUTIVE MEETING
I. Call to Order: Mr. Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

II. Roll Call
   a. Roll call was taken. Members present constituted a quorum. Mr. Fletcher notified Mr. Crowl that he would be late attending.

III. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments
   a. There were no visitors.
   b. There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes
    Mr. Whitsitt called for a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes from the January 26, 2020 Regular Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Sornberger motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Burgess seconded. The Executive Board approved the Minutes by roll-call vote.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda
   a. Mr. Whitsitt called for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
      i. Approval of the January & February 2021 Board Bills.
      ii. Approval of the January 2020 Payroll and Claims.
    Members were given time to ask questions regarding the items. Mr. Crowl explained the Bills, Payroll and Claims. Mr. Sornberger motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Board Bills, and Mr. Burgess seconded. Mr. Sornberger motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Payroll Claims. Mr. Burgess seconded. The Executive Board separately approved both motions by roll-call votes.

VI. Discussion Items
   a. Mr. Crowl reported the results of research regarding the possible Behavior Analyst position. Data gathered showed a need for such a position and requested to move forward with filling the position. Mr. Whitsitt stated he saw the need to move forward with posting for the position.
b. Member were presented with the outline for a new scholarship program for School Social Workers. Members discussed the wording of the document. Dr. Curry asked if there was wording regarding passing a specific test required for licensure. Mr. Crowl stated there was such wording.

c. Mr. Crowl updated Members on student projections as well as classroom locations. Dr. Curry stated the possibility of accepting students from other districts. Mr. Crowl also informed the Board that School Social Worker, Psychologist, Speech Pathologists and Emotional Disability Teacher positions were needed.

d. Mr. Crowl requested the Board consider additional space in the Bondi Building. The additional room included space for training, storage and office room. Members tabled the issue until March after touring the space.

VII. Action Items
The members took action on the following items.
There was no employment changes. As a result, Mr. Whitsitt stated that there was no action needed for the Personnel Report. Mr. Whitsitt called for a motion for the approval of the Scholarship Program for School Social Workers. Dr. Curry motioned to approve the Scholarship Program for School Social Workers and Mr. Sornberger seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

VIII. Administrative Reports
a. Knox-Warren Special Education District
   i. Mr. Crowl reminded Members of the upcoming Blue Ribbon Panel meeting. Mr. Crowl stated the purpose of the Panel was to focus on implementing necessary changes within the Cooperative.
   ii. Members were updated on the progress of the Dynamic Learning Map.

b. Illinois State Board of Education
   i. Mr. Crowl reminded Members of the upcoming December 1st Child Count, and their role in approving the Count.

IX. Closed Session
a. Mr. Whitsitt stated that there was no need for Members to go into Closed Session

X. Comments by Executive Board
a. There were no comments from the Board.

XI. Future Agenda Items
a. Future agenda items included Maintenance of Effort, staffing needs, projections, bank accounts for Life Skills Programs, Behavior Analyst position and the Blue Ribbon Panel.

XII. Future Meeting Date and Time
8:00 a.m. Tuesday February 16, 2021

XIII. Adjourn
Mr. Whitsitt asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Scott made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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