Knox-Warren Special Education District

EXECUTIVE MEETING

I. Call to Order: Mr. Crowl called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

II. Roll Call
   a. Roll call was taken. Members present constituted a quorum. Mr. Farquer, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Schoonover were absent.

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

IV. Approval of Minutes
    Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes from the July 20, 2021 Regular Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Sornberger seconded. The Executive Board approved the Minutes by roll-call vote.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
      i. Approval of the July & August 17, 2021 Board Bills.
      ii. Approval of the July 2021 Payroll and Claims.
      iii. Approval of the July Treasurer’s Report
   Members were given time to ask questions regarding the items. Mr. Crowl explained the Bills, Payroll Claims and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Board Bills, Payroll Claims and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Sornberger seconded the motions. The Executive Board approved the motions by roll-call votes.

VI. Discussion Items
   a. Mr. Crowl updated information regarding Knox-Warren Special Education District’s Payroll Schedule to the Board Members. Mr. Crowl stated that after consultation with lawyers, the Payroll Schedule was not going to be changed for FY22. Mr. Crowl stated that Knox-Warren Special Education District planned to reach out to the Regional Office of Education as well as Member Districts when the need to adjust payroll arose in the future.
   b. An outline of services and cost for Press Plus was given to the Executive Board. Member agreed that applying for Press Plus was a positive decision.
   c. Members were presented with the details of the ESSER III Grant program. Several options were presented and discussed. Mr. Crowl said submission of final funding options was tabled until a later date.
   d. Mr. Crowl submitted the ISBE Salary Report for review by Members. Members discussed how their districts dealt with the Salary Report.
VII. Action Items
The members took action on the following items.

Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the approval of the Employment of Personnel in the Attached Personnel Report. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the Personnel Report, and Mr. Sornberger seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the approval of Press Plus for the Cooperative. Dr. Curry motioned to approve the Press Plus. Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the Approval of the ISBE Salary Report. Dr. Curry motioned to approve the Salary Report, and Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

VIII. Closed Session
a. Mr. Crowl stated that there was a need to go into Closed Session. Dr. Curry motioned to enter into closed session. Mrs. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote at 8:18 a.m. The Executive Board entered into closed session to discuss:
   i. the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance 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.
   b. The Executive Board existed closed session at 8:26 a.m. with a motion from Dr. Curry. Mrs. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

IX. Action Items as a Result of Closed Session
a. There was no action was needed.

X. Administrative Reports
a. Knox-Warren Special Education District
   i. Mr. Crowl outlined Knox-Warren Special Education District’s mask mandate. Mr. Crowl stated that Cooperative Staff were to follow the mask mandate in the Districts in which they work.
   ii. Members were told that feedback regarding new Board Certified Behavioral Analyst was positive.
   iii. The success of the new Knox-Warren Special Education District Conference Room was discussed.
   iv. Mr. Crowl announced that the plan was in place for face-to-face Speech services throughout the Cooperative, in spite of multiple open positions and the utilization of Western Illinois University students.

b. Illinois State Board of Education
   i. Mr. Crowl stated that one piece of legislation did pass in Illinois. Moving forward, students turning 22 years old during the school year were to be allowed to complete the school year. However, since the Federal government cuts off the age of students at 21 years old, students remaining after their 22nd birthday would receive services without federal funding.
   ii. Mr. Crowl and the Executive Board discussed the Free Lunch Program in regarding to Knox-Warren Special Education District’s center-based classrooms. It was determined that further information and discussion was needed.

XI. Comments by Executive Board
a. No comments were made by the Executive Board.

XII. Future Agenda Items
a. Staffing Needs
   b. Projections
XIII. Future Meeting Date and Time
     8:00 a.m. Tuesday September 21, 2021

XIV. Adjourn
     Mr. Crowl asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sornberger made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Scott seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion to adjourn by voice-vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

_______________________________________President

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