Knox-Warren Special Education District

Members Present
District 202: Mr. Schoonover    District 208: Mr. Sornberger
District 210: Mr. Farquer       District 238: Mr. Fletcher
District 276: Mr. Campbell     District 304: Mr. Whitsitt
ROE 33: Mrs. Scott

Members Late/Absent/Attending Remotely
None

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. Mrs. Scott arrived later in the meeting.

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 and Closed Sessions Minutes from the
   January 25, 2021 Regular Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Fletcher motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr.
   Farquer seconded. The Executive Board approved the Minutes by voice vote.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
      i. Approval of the January and February 2022 Board Bills.
      ii. Approval of the January 2022 Payroll and Claims.
      iii. Approval of the January 2022 Treasurer’s Report
   Mr. Crowl explained the Bills, Payroll Claims and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Fletcher motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Board Bills, Payroll Claims and Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Farquer seconded the motions. The Executive Board approved the motions by roll-call votes.

VI. Discussion Items
   a. Mr. Crowl stated that the ESSER III Grant was essentially additional IDEA funding. However, the Illinois State Board of Education required that a separate application be completed and filled. Moreover, the ESSER III Grant required an additional and separate Timely and Meaningful meeting. Mr. Crowl said he was scheduling the meeting on Members’ behalves. Finally, Members were presented with three options on how to utilize the funding.
      i. Option 1: Member Districts could keep the additional funding and use it for their own hired Special Education personnel. However, doing so would cause issues with Districts meeting the Maintenance of Effort requirements.
      ii. Option 2: Member Districts could flow through the funding to Knox-Warren Special Education District to lower their tuition costs. However, doing so would cause issues with Districts meeting the Maintenance of Effort requirements.
      iii. Option 3: Utilize the funds for a program with additional costs. Knox-Warren Special Education District would invoice the Districts for this cost, Districts would process payment and complete an expenditure report for reimbursement. There was one advantage to this option. It did not impact the Maintenance of Effort requirement.
VII. Action Items
   The members took action on the following items.
   Mr. Crowl stated that there was no action to be taken.

VIII. Administrative Reports
   a. Knox-Warren Special Education District
      i. Mr. Crowl reminded Members that Sherry Davis would be contacting their districts’ Student
         Information System coordinators regarding student data errors that needed to be fixed before the
         December 1st Child Count deadline.
      ii. Members were updated on the deadline regarding Excess Cost. Mr. Crowl stated he would assist
          with processing the report for the Districts and asked for their Annual Financial Reports.
      iii. Mr. Crowl stated that the transition from Specialized Data System to Skyward had begun. The setup
          and training was going well, and the Administrative Office was balancing training with regular job
          duties.

IX. Closed Session
   a. Mr. Crowl stated that there was a need to go into Closed Session. Mr. Fletcher motioned to enter into closed
      session. Mr. Farquer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote at 8:14 a.m. Mrs. Scott
      arrived just as 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. Mr. Crowl was asked to recuse himself from part of Closed Session.
   b. Mr. Sornberger motioned to exit Closed Session, and Mr. Farquer seconded the motion. The Executive Board
      exited closed session at 8:26 a.m. by voice vote.

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

XI. Comments by Executive Board
   a. There were no comments.

XII. Future Agenda Items
   a. Staffing Needs
   b. Blue Ribbon Panel

XIII. Future Meeting Date and Time
      The date for the next Executive Board meeting was set for March 15, 2022 at 8:00 am in the Regional Office
      of Education’s Conference Room at 105 N. E Street, Monmouth, IL 61462

XIV. Adjourn
      Mr. Crowl asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sornberger made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Fletcher seconded
      the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion to adjourn by voice-vote. The meeting adjourned at
      8:28 a.m.

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