Knox-Warren Special Education District

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Knox Warren Special Education District
Executive Board Meeting
105 N E Street, Monmouth, IL 61462
March 15, 2022

Members Present
District 202: Mr. Schoonover          District 208: Mr. Sornberger
District 238: Mr. Fletcher          District 304: Mr. Whitsitt
District 276: Mr. Campbell          ROE 33: Mrs. Scott
Knox-Warren Special Education District: Mr. Crowl

Members Late/Absent/Attending Remotely
District 210: Mr. Farquer (Arrived at 8:15 a.m.)

EXECUTIVE MEETING
I. Call to Order: Mr. Crowl called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.

II. Roll Call
   a. Roll call was taken. Members present constituted a quorum. Mr. Farquer arrived later in the meeting.

III. 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. Sornberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote at 8:13 a.m. Mr. Farquer arrived at 8:15 am while the Executive Board entered into closed session to discuss:
      a. 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. Fletcher motioned to exit Closed Session, and Mr. Whitsitt seconded the motion. The Executive Board exited closed session at 8:15 a.m. by voice vote.

IV. Action Items as a Result of Closed Session
   a. No action was needed.

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

VI. Approval of Minutes
   Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the Open and Closed Sessions Minutes from the February 15, 2022 Regular Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Sornberger seconded. The Executive Board approved the Minutes by voice vote.

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
      a. Approval of the February and March 2022 Board Bills.
      b. Approval of the February 2022 Payroll and Claims.
      c. Approval of the February 2022 Treasurer’s Report
   Mr. Crowl explained the Bills, Payroll Claims and Treasurer’s Report as well as a deposit of IRS funds. 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.
VIII. Discussion Items
   a. Mr. Crowl presented information regarding the proposed Knox-Warren Special Education District’s Retirement Program. The Retirement Program allows Knox-Warren Special Education District employees with twenty years of service to submit a non-revocable letter of intent of retirement by March 1st of the fifth year before retirement. Upon approval, the employee receives six percent raises for the last four years of employment.
   b. Members were presented with a proposed partnership with Western Illinois University. The proposal outlines a psychology tuition program. Mr. Crowl stated that such a program already exists with Knox-Warren Special Education District’s Scholarship Program that allows participants to gain assistance with tuition with the understanding that employment follows their coursework completion. Mr. Crowl inquired if any member district had such a partnership. Mr. Fletcher stated that Monmouth-Roseville District had a partnership, and it was a positive program. Members decided to table action on the proposal.

IX. Action Items
   The members took action on the following items.
   a. Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the approval of the Employment of Personnel in the Attached Personnel Report. Mr. Fletcher motioned to approve the Personnel Report, and Mr. Sornberger seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.
   b. Mr. Crowl called for a motion for the approval of the Retirement Incentive Program. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to approve the Retirement Incentive Program, and Mr. Sornberger seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.
   c. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to table approval of the Western Illinois Partnership. Mr. Whitsitt motioned to table the approval of the Western Illinois Partnership, and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.
   d. Mr. Crowl called for a motion to approval the Director’s Contract. Mr. Sornberger motioned to approve the Director’s Contract, and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion by roll-call vote.

X. Administrative Reports
   a. Knox-Warren Special Education District
      a. Mr. Crowl announced that Excess Cost reporting was completed and waiting for approvals.
      b. Members were updated on the recent Blue Ribbon Panel meeting. Topics included the new facility and Standards.
      c. Mr. Crowl stated that the Timely and Meaningful meeting was taking place on March 17, 2022. The funds were to be applied to the Speech Program for Immaculate Conception School in Monmouth.
      d. Updates on the Scholarship Program and its effect were presented. First, it was announced that six paraprofessionals were taking advantage of the Scholarship Program to become teachers. Second, Mr. Crowl revealed that a Psychology Intern had been hired because of the Scholarship Program.

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 April 19, 2022 at 8:00 am in the Knox-Warren Special Education District Conference Room.

XIV. Adjourn
    Mr. Crowl asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sornberger made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Farquer seconded the motion. The Executive Board approved the motion to adjourn by voice-vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.
_____________________________________President

_____________________________________Secretary