

**NORTHWEST INDIANA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**  
**2150 W. 97<sup>th</sup> PLACE**  
**CROWN POINT, IN. 46307**  
**March 13, 2019**

Executive Session: The Board of Managers met in executive session at 5:30 p.m. and discussed items related to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.

1. Mr. Larry R. Biggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Mrs. Luanne Jurczak took Roll Call. The following members were recorded as present: Mr. Tom Bainbridge for Merrillville, Mr. Larry R. Biggs for Lake Station, Mrs. Michelle Dumbsky for Tri-Creek, Mr. Jonathan Evans for Lake Ridge, Mrs. Luanne Jurczak for Highland, Mrs. Michelle Martin for River Forest, Mr. Michael Rogers for Hobart, Mrs. Connie Sterkowitz for Hanover and Mr. Gary Sutton for Griffith.
3. Mr. Biggs asked for comments or questions on agenda items from the audience. There were none.
4. Mr. Biggs asked for any additions or deletions to the February 13, 2019 minutes. Mr. Bainbridge moved for Board approval of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed with 6 ayes and 3 abstentions from Mr. Bainbridge, Mrs. Dumbsky and Mrs. Sterkowitz.
5. Mrs. Krumwied recommended Board approval of the monthly financial reports dated February 28, 2019 as presented. Mrs. Jurczak moved for Board approval of the monthly financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sutton and passed unanimously.
6. Mrs. Krumwied requested Board approval of Resolution #18-09 To Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund as presented. Mr. Evans moved for Board approval of Resolution #18-09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sutton and passed unanimously.
7. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval of the Current Staff Needs for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Jurczak moved for Board approval of the Staff Needs as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.
8. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval of the Cluster Site Programs for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Mrs. Jurczak said "How I am about to vote does not reflect my opinion on the matter. I want you to know I am still favorable for NISEC."

Mr. Evans moved for Board approval of the Cluster Site Programs as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed with 8 ayes and 1 nay from Mrs. Jurczak.

9. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval to pay the 260 day office staff for hours not worked on January 31, 2019, due to emergency weather conditions. Mr. Evans moved for Board approval to pay the 260 day office staff as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dumbsky and passed unanimously.
10. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval of the revised NISEC/Eagle Park 2018-2019 school year calendar. Mr. Bainbridge moved to approve the revised calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed unanimously.
11. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval of the NISEC and Griffith School Corporation Separation Agreement. Mr. Bainbridge moved to approve the Separation Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed with 8 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Sutton.
12. Mrs. Winkoff requested Board approval of the Memorandum of Interest. Mrs. Winkoff explained that this document is needed because Griffith School Corporation owns part of the NISEC land and structure. If NISEC were to sell the property Griffith School Corporation would be entitled to part of the sale. Mr. Bainbridge moved to approve the Memorandum of Interest as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed unanimously.
10. Mrs. Winkoff requested approval of the following NEOLA Bylaws and Policies for a first reading:

*Deleted Policy:* 6655    *New Policies:* 3220.02 | 3431

*Revised Policies:* 1430 | 1521 | 2260.07 | 2260.09 | 3120.07 | 3121 | 3139 | 3141 | 3430 | 4121 | 4430 | 5330 | 5517.01 | 5771 | 6111 | 6210 | 6620 | 6800 | 7440 | 8340 | 8462 | 8500 | 8600 | 9160

Mrs. Jurczak moved for approval of the first reading of the NEOLA Bylaws and Policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and was passed unanimously.

11. Mrs. Winkoff recommended Board approval of the Alternative and Residential Contracts for Merrillville Community School Corporation and Tri-Creek School Corporation and School City of Hobart. Mrs. Dumbsky moved for Board approval of the Alternative and Residential Contracts as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Evans and passed unanimously.
12. **Director's Report:**
  - ✓ Mrs. Winkoff shared a flyer with the Board of managers from Mr. Rogers. The flyer was for an all-inclusive prom night at Hobart High School on April 6, 2019.

- Jane informed Mr. Rogers that this flyer will be posted on our website.
- ✓ Mrs. Winkoff shared the importance of two pending education bills in regards to Dispute Resolution. She explained that one of the bills requires the parents or legal guardians to pay 25 percent of legal fees if the award determined by the Hearing Officer is the same or less than what the school offered. The other pending bill is to make parents or guardians pay copying expenses if the amount of time to pull paperwork and make copies for a Due Process Hearing totals more than 5 hours. She also informed the Board that a letter from ICASE has been sent to the IDOE to request they consider asking the CADRE analyze the current Dispute Resolution system in Indiana. The CADRE supports a 2 tier process for the Dispute Resolution System which is what Indiana utilized until 2010 when it was cut from the budget.
  - ✓ Mrs. Winkoff shared many of the wonderful activities that are being conducted within our NISEC corporations to promote an awareness of students with disabilities.
  - ✓ Mrs. Winkoff shared information regarding the Autism and Disability Fair at Eagle Park Community School scheduled on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm.
  - ✓ Mrs. Winkoff shared concerns regarding the eLearning programs, for general and special education staff, and her involvement in an upcoming Superintendent’s Study Council meeting being held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, that she has been invited to attend.

13. **Personnel:**

Mrs. Winkoff recommended approval to the following personnel actions:

**A. Retirement**

*Virginia Haunfelder*, School Psychologist at Highland Schools, effective May 24, 2019.

*Linda Slanina*, Mild Interventions Teacher at River Forest Middle School, effective June 5, 2019.

**B. Resignations**

Classified

*Lori Maleckar*, Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary, effective March 1, 2019.

*Toni Matlock*, Paraprofessional at TELC at George Earle, effective March 8, 2019.

*Agnes Seitz*, Paraprofessional at Highland Middle School, effective March 1, 2019.

**C. Terminations**

*Marissa Montemayor*, Paraprofessional at Hobart Middle School, effective February 20, 2019.

**D. Appointments**

Classified

*Candida Jasionowski*, Paraprofessional at Lowell High School, effective March 11, 2019.

*Katherine Johnson*, Paraprofessional at River Forest High School, effective March 13, 2019.

*Kylee Loudember*, Paraprofessional at Ready Elementary, effective March 11, 2019.

*Anais Mosqueda*, Paraprofessional at Merrillville Intermediate School, effective March 11, 2019.

*Shawna Reich*, Paraprofessional at Jane Ball Elementary, effective March 8, 2019.

*Breauna Simpson*, Paraprofessional at Eagle Park Community School, effective March 14, 2019.

*Stephanie Taylor*, Paraprofessional at Miller Elementary, effective March 4, 2019.

**E. Independent Contracts**

IDR Linguistics, Inc., Irene Rivera, Speech and Language Pathologist, effective March 15, 2019.

**F. Leave of Absence**

*Colleen Davis*, Psych Tech at Merrillville Intermediate School, effective March 4-11, 2019.

*Alyeska Kochanek*, Teacher of Emotional Disabilities at Hamilton Elementary, effective May 22-28, 2019.

*Rachel Storer*, on intermittent medical leave pursuant to the memo from Mrs. Kathy Cain, dated March 13, 2019.

**G. Conference Leave**

*Lori Brown-Runyon*, Transition Cadre, Michigan City, IN., March 22, 2019 – Half Day AM.

*Christine Matthews*, Foundations Level 1 Training, Schaumburg, IL., July, 16, 2019.

*Florence Salai*, ISHA Convention, Indianapolis, IN., April 4-5, 2019.

*Jane Winkoff*, ICASE Testifying for House and Senate, Indianapolis, IN., March 20, 2019.

Mr. Evans moved for Board approval of the Personnel Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.

14. Mr. Biggs asked for comments or questions from the Board.

Mrs. Jurczak and the other Board Members thanked Mrs. Winkoff for going down to Indianapolis and being a voice for special education.

15. Mr. Biggs asked for comments or questions from the Audience.  
None at this time.

16. Mr. Bainbridge moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed unanimously.