

**NORTHWEST INDIANA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**  
**2150 WEST 97<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**CROWN POINT, IN 46307**  
**November 9, 2011**

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 (b) (2) (B) and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (6).

1. Mr. Larry R. Biggs called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Mrs. Jurczak took Roll Call. The following members were recorded as present: Ms. Patricia Hernandez, Mr. Thomas Cripliver, Mrs. Michelle Dumbsky, Mr. Larry R. Biggs, Mr. Thomas Bainbridge, and Mrs. Luann Jurczak.
3. Annually, the Board of Managers must take the Indiana Oath of Members. Mr. John Dudlicek, representing Griffith, who was not present at the July 13, 2011 Board of Managers Meeting, recited the Oath and Mrs. Debra Jurasevich, NISEC Notary, verified the Member's signature and notarized the document.
4. Mr. Biggs asked for comments or questions on agenda items from the audience. There were none.
5. Mr. Biggs asked for any additions or deletions to the October 12, 2011 minutes. Mrs. Dumbsky moved for Board approval of minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dudlicek and passed unanimously.
6. Mrs. Bashore recommended approval of the Monthly Financial Reports as presented. Mrs. Jurczak moved for Board approval of the financial reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.
7. Mrs. Bashore has worked with the Insurance Committee to review our current usage and options for medical and dental coverage. Mrs. Bashore explained the rates would have increased 21% but due to the diligence of the Benefits Committee they will increase by 13%. Mrs. Bashore has developed two charts that show the proposed premiums. Mrs. Bashore thanked the Benefits Committee for their commitment to finding the best plan and premiums for NISEC Staff. Mr. Biggs also thanked the committee. Ms. Hernandez moved for Board approval of the Medical and Dental Insurance Rates for 2012 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.
8. There were no Alternative and Residential Contracts for approval at this time.

9. Mrs. Winkoff has worked with the Loving Care Agency to develop an agreement to allow them to provide nursing services at Oak Hill Elementary School. Mrs. Winkoff provided a copy of the agreement for Board approval. Mrs. Dumbsky moved for Board approval of the agreement between NISEC and Loving Care Agency as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.
10. NISEC has worked with Governor's State University to allow practicum and field experience for their students. Governor's State has a student requesting a placement for Speech and Language Pathology internship. In order to do that, NISEC had to update the Affiliation Agreement with Governor's State. Mrs. Winkoff provided a copy of the agreement for Board approval. Mrs. Jurczak moved for Board approval of the Affiliation Agreement between NISEC and Governor's State as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bainbridge and passed unanimously.
11. Mrs. Winkoff noted Mr. Thomas Howell, Business and Marketing Teacher at Griffith High School, has been awarded the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities Community Spirit Award. Mr. Howell, along with Mrs. Leah Domezich, a NISEC Teacher, collaborated with several other general education and special education staff members and local businesses to organize a series of disabilities awareness activities which culminated in the fourth annual Wheelchair Basketball extravaganza attended by over 1,000 students and members of the Griffith community. Mr. Howell will receive his award at the opening session of the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities Conference on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, in downtown Indianapolis at the Westin Hotel. Mrs. Winkoff shared a DVD highlighting the wheelchair basketball game and the slogan "The Only Disability in Life . . . A Bad Attitude!". Mrs. Winkoff commended the Griffith School District and community for a job well done. Mr. Bainbridge said he had been asked to officiate for a wheelchair league at OMNI Fitness Center and was very impressed with the professionalism of the league. Mrs. Dumbsky asked Mrs. Winkoff to inform the Board of Managers of the game for 2012.
12. Mrs. Winkoff recommended the following personnel actions:
  - a. Resignations:  
Classified  
**Jessica Anaya**, Paraprofessional for Salk Elementary, effective November 2, 2011  
**Lisa Chesner**, Paraprofessional for Lowell High School, effective October 28, 2011
  - b. Appointments:  
None at this time

c. Leave of Absence:

**Kim Domasica** on medical leave from October 24, 2011 through October 31, 2011

**Craig Jones** on medical leave from October 20, 2011 through October 26, 2011

**Margaret Lutjen** on family medical leave from October 31, 2011 through November 4, 2011

**Barbara Sneary** on medical leave from October 7, 2011 through October 14, 2011

**Amanda Stathis** on maternity leave from October 25, 2011 through December 6, 2011

**Wendy Willis** on family medical leave from October 10, 2011 through November 7, 2011 and extended to December 6, 2011

d. Conference Leaves

**Denise Bashore**, LC Directors, Schererville, Indiana, November 4, 2011

**Lori Brown Runyon**, Blueprint for Change, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 1, 2011

**Denise Mitchell**, ICASE Roundtable, Michigan City, Indiana, November 18, 2011; January 20, 2012; March 16, 2012; and May 18, 2012

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

14. Mr. Biggs asked if there were questions or comments from the Board. Mrs. Dumbky thanked the Griffith Art Fair for making a donation to the NISEC Art Department. Mr. Dudlicek shared the Boy Scouts hosted the Griffith Art Fair and made the donation to the Art Department. Mrs. Dumbky then thanked the Boy Scouts for their contribution. Mr. Biggs congratulated Griffith School District for the award from the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities.
15. Mr. Biggs asked if there were questions or comments from the audience. There were none.
16. Mr. Bainbridge motioned for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jurczak and passed unanimously.