

AREA COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2020

CIE Building @ NWMSU Room 1402

10:30 AM

- I. Roll Call- The meeting was called to order at 10:29AM by Matt Martz, Worth County, Board President. The roll call was taken and answered by 14 districts. Those not in attendances were: Avenue City R-IX, North Andrew R-V, Rockport R-II, Tarkio R-I. King City R-I, Danny Johnson present approximately 10:40 a.m.
- II. Minutes 10-28-2019- The minutes were reviewed by the group. There was no discussion. James Simmelink, North Nodaway, made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/28/2019. The motioned was seconded by Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway. The motion passed 14-0.

Guest Speaker-Jody Renfro, ACES Behavior Interventionist. Ms. Renfro presented on Behavior Interventionist Services provided to the districts including, but not limited to:

- Functional Behavior Assessments
- Behavior Intervention Plans
- Crisis Management
- Professional Development Trainings
- Data Collection on Behavior
- Written observations of student behavior based on file review, interview and observations
- Special education collaboration on eligibility and re-evaluation assessments
- Collaboration with social worker and district staff
- Interpretation of IQ assessments and social/emotional/behavioral assessments

- III. Financial Report
- A. FY20 Quarter 2 Report- the FY20 Quarter 2 Report was reviewed by the group. Cindy Naber, ACES Director, explained the revenues were reflective of all member districts being up-to-date on their first semester coop base fee. The expenditures to date were 29.66 % realized as of 01/01/2020. The revenues to date were 28.37% realized as of 01/01/2020. Mike Leach, Craig, made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Burrig, Fairfax. The motion passed 15-0.

IV. Reports

- A. ACES Director Report-Cindy Naber, ACES Director, shared that ACES has completed the following trainings for ACES member districts:

Professional Development

YTD Completed Trainings:

- Day 1 & 2 Fall Paraprofessional Training
- 13 CPI recertification and full foundations courses (145 staff members certified/ recertified, 17 member districts 2019-20 Re-certified)
- 2 New Special Education Teacher Cohort Trainings
- 4 day Project ACCESS WASS Training-“Working with Students with Autism in the Schools”
- 3 Behavior Management Training
- 3 “What ACES Can Do For You”
- 3 CPI Verbal De-escalation Training

Upcoming Trainings:

- Spring Assessment Training March 26, 2020- see attached flyer
- New Special Education Teacher Cohort Trainings: February 27, 2020 and March 19, 2020 9-3:00 p.m., NWMSU Room 1402
- Behavior Management Training Spring session available upon request

New Special Education Teacher Cohort Meetings: (NMWSU Campus CIE 1402)

- 9:00AM-3:00PM
- February 27, 2020
- March 19, 2020

CPI Refresher Training:

(Please contact me to sign up)

- March 11, 2020 8-11:30 a.m. Stanberry School District
- April 7, 2020, 8:30-12 p.m. Jefferson School District
- April 28, 2020, 8:30-12 p.m. Avenue City School District
- May 6, 2020, 3:30-7 p.m. Tarkio School District
- May 12, 2020, 3:30-7 p.m. West Nodaway School District
- May 14, 2020, 8:30-12 p.m., Rockport School District

Therapy Services

As we start looking ahead for the coming year, if your district will be in need of therapy services that you have not received in the past through ACES, please let me know ASAP so that I can begin looking to fill those openings.

Future ACES Board Meeting Dates

- April 23, 2020 11:00 AM

ACES School Based Presentations-Please see the following list for the 2020-2021 school year.

If there is an additional need for SpedTrack, Lumen, or other professional student information system and district management software training, please let me know. It is extremely cost-effective to pool our district personnel together and get the instructor to come to one location.

Project Access WASS-“Working with Students with Autism in our Schools” or “Introduction to Autism,” had a great turn out and feedback was positive from attendees. If this is a training you would like me to continue to schedule for our area next year, please let me know. Please see the handout from Project Access with the various trainings available. The student’s meeting IDEA eligibility for Autism, is not declining.

B. Other Reports:

1. Cindy Naber, Director, presented the Therapists Travel and Mileage Worksheet Final Expense Comparisons for fiscal years: 2016-2017, 2017-18, & 2018-19. There was no discussion.
2. Cindy Naber, Director, presented the Therapists Travel and Mileage 2019-20 YTD. There was no discussion.

V. Old Business

- A. None

VI. New Business

- A. Social Worker Contracted Service Costs 2020-21- Cindy Naber, ACES Director, shared the anticipated cost of social worker services for the upcoming year.
The contracted amount has been calculated using the current cost of 2.0 FTE Social Workers + 4.5% increase to cover the anticipated cost of salary, health insurance and travel increases for FY21.

\$3,200-1 day per month
\$6,400-2 days per month
\$9,600-3 days per month
\$12,800-4 days per month
\$19,200-6 days per month
\$25,600-8 days per month

Any actual costs that surpass this amount will be distributed to each district by the Fiscal Agent once salaries and health insurance are negotiated and passed by the Board of Education.

Cindy Naber, ACES Director, asked that each member district representative review the information, and communicate their school district's intentions in regards to contracting school social worker services for the 2020-21 school year no later than Friday, March 6, 2020 to allow time to make adjustments to staff as needed. Jim Simmelink, North Nodaway made a motion to accept the Social Worker Contracted Service Costs for the 2020-21 school year. Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

- B. ACES Personnel Recommendations-Cindy Naber, shared ACES Personnel Intentions for the 2020-21 School Year as follows:

Full-Time Staff

Cindy Naber, Director
Jody Renfro, Behavior Interventionist
Madison Alitz, Educational Diagnostician
Jeffery Sturdivan, Social Worker

Part-Time Staff

Emmy Brown, Office Manager

Johnnie Silkett, South Nodway, made a motion to approve the ACES 2020-21 Personnel Recommendations. Rick Callaway, Union Star, seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

- C. FY21 Preliminary Contracted Therapist Rate Schedule-Cindy Naber, ACES Director, shared the Preliminary Contracted Therapist Rate Schedule. Ms. Naber shared that therapists had been secured and current rates for the 2020-21 school year were reflected. Recommendation by Ms. Naber was made not to approve the preliminary contracted therapist rate worksheet until final Request for Proposal process was finalized for Northeast Nodaway speech/language services.
- D. Consideration of Vision Therapy-O&M cooperative option-Cindy Naber, ACES Director discussed the option of exploring the addition of a vision therapist for the 2020-2021 school year. Scott Ireland, Pattonsburg, made a motion to approve Ms. Naber to explore the option. Jeff Blackford, Nodaway-Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.
Ms. Naber and Ms. Renfro leave meeting approximately 11:20 a.m.
- E. Consideration of the ACES Director Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year-The ACES governing board will offer a raise of \$5,000 + Mound City's % raise for the Director of ACES for the 2020-2021 school year and an additional raise of \$5,000 + Mound City's % raise for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion made by Bob Ottman, South Holt to approve the rate increase to the ACES

Director Contract for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Scott Ireland, Pattonsburg, seconded the motion. Motion passed 15-0.

- VII. Adjourn-Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway, made a motion to adjourn at approximately 12:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Johnnie Silkett, South Nodaway. The motion passed 15-0.