

AREA COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19
11:00 AM

- I. Roll Call-The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Matt Martz, Worth County. The roll call was taken and answered by the following districts; Avenue City, Craig, Union Star, Fairfax, Mound City, South Nodaway, Tarkio, Worth County, North Nodaway, Stanberry and Nodaway-Holt. At 11:05 a.m. Northeast Nodaway and Jefferson joined the meeting. Those not in attendance were: King City, Pattonsburg, North Andrew, Rock Port, West Nodaway and South Holt.
- II. Minutes 02-21-2020-The minutes were reviewed by the group. There was no discussion. James Simmelink, North Nodaway made a motion to approve the minutes from 02-21-2020. The motion was seconded by Karma Coleman, Tarkio. The motion passed 11-0.
- III. Financial Report
 - A. FY20 Quarter 3 Report-The FY20 Quarter 3 Report was reviewed by the group. Mike Leach, Craig made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Burrigh, Fairfax. The motion passed 13-0.
- IV. Reports
 - A. ACES Director Report-Cindy Naber, Director, shared the Director's report.

Social Worker Position Update

We currently have an open social worker position. The position is advertised on Missouri Teaching Jobs website, ACES and Mound City R-2 websites, and ACES Facebook site. Job flyers have been sent out to surrounding college and universities with accredited social worker Bachelor and Master's programs of study.

Cindy Naber, Director, has also been in contact with Lynette Auffert from Headstart, on the possibility of additional contracted social worker days.

Audiometer Calibrations

A technician from E3 Diagnostics/Gordon Stowe will be at the ACES office on May 13, 2020 to calibrate audiometers and tympanometers. According to the ASHA (American Speech Language Association), the equipment should be calibrated every year. Please have your equipment to the office no later than May 8, 2020. A PO to E3 Diagnostics/Gordon Stowe will need to be included for the amount of \$90 for an audiometer or \$130 for an audiometer and tympanometer combination. This is an increase of \$5 from last year.

Trainings & CPI

Cindy shared with the group the upcoming CPI refresher and full foundation

course offerings for 2020-2021 school year. It is recommended that administrators consider this training again next year for any district who is hiring a new special education teacher, or for teachers who are in their 1-3 year of teaching.

New Special Education Teacher Cohort

Administrators are encouraged to send new special education teachers to the ACES cohort training.

Contracted Therapy Services

At this time, all therapy needs for the 2020-2021 school year are filled. This will be addressed in the Old Business.

Social Worker Contracts, Therapist Contracts, Speech Implementer Forms & Annual Renewal Agreement

Due to the new cooperative finance requirements, these contracts and forms have been prepared, but cannot be signed (have funds obligated) prior to July 1st. It is imperative that District Budget Applications are submitted prior to July 1st as well due to funds not being able to be obligated until the application is approved by DESE.

Speech Implementer forms have been revised by DESE for the 2020-2021 school year, Cindy reviewed the changes with the group.

B. Other Reports

1. Therapists Travel and Mileage Worksheet- Cindy Naber, Director, shared the YTD totals for the 2019-2020 school year in comparison to the two prior school years. Travel and mileage costs are right on target with expectations of lower costs for Quarter 4, due to therapy services being provided via a teletherapy model.

V. Old Business

- A. Vision Therapy-O&M cooperative option update- Cindy Naber, ACES Director, shared an update on availability of contracting with vision therapy providers. There was no discussion.
- B. FY21 Contracted Therapist Rate Schedule- Cindy Naber, ACES Director, shared the updated contracted therapist rate schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Karma Coleman, Tarkio made a motion to accept the FY21 Contracted Therapist Rate Schedule. The motion was seconded by James Simmelink, North Nodaway. The motion passed 13-0.

VI. New Business

- A. Membership Agreements & Reorganization-All districts present will continue their commitment with ACES until June 30, 2020. Mike Leach, Craig, will be the 2020-2021 Board President of the ACES Governing Committee. Cindy Naber, Director shared a special thank you to Matt Martz,

Worth County for his prior two years of service as Board President of the ACES Cooperative. As well as a note of appreciation to retiring superintendents Ken Eaton, Mound City and Fiscal Agent Representative; and James Simmelink, North Nodaway. To those superintendents serving on our current advisory committee panel and leaving the cooperative; Scott Ireland, Pattonsburg; and Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway. These members have contributed great leadership and knowledge to the cooperative and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the luck in their future endeavors.

- B. FY21 Proposed Budget-The proposed budget were reviewed by the group. It will be reviewed again with adjustments if necessary and voted on at the August 2020 ACES Board Meeting.
 - C. FY21 Estimated District Costs- The estimated district costs were reviewed by the group. It will be reviewed again with adjustments made if necessary and voted on at the August 2020 ACES Board Meeting.
 - D. Annual Renewal Contract Review & Edits-The advisory committee reviewed the draft of the new annual renewal contract, an edit was made by Matt Martz, Board President to update “2019-2020” to “2020-2021” school year. The ACES Director will prepare the renewal contracts and they will be sent out to districts after July 1, 2020. Karma Coleman, Tarkio, made a motion to accept the Annual Renewal Contract. The motion was seconded by Johnnie Silkett, South Nodaway. The motion passed 13-0.
- VII. Adjourn-A motion was made to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. by Jeremy Burrigh, Fairfax. It was seconded by Johnnie Silkett, South Nodaway. The motion passed 13-0.