

AREA COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT  
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2017

CIE Building @ NWMSU Room 1323

10:00 AM

- I. Roll Call-The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway. Roll Call was taken and answered by 12 districts. Those who were not in attendance were Avenue City, Nodaway-Holt, Pattonsburg, Rockport, South Holt, South Nodaway Tarkio and Union Star. Others present were Steve Klotz, Assistant Superintendent, Maryville R-2, Haley Humes, ACES School Psychologist and Jodie Kurtz, ACES Educational Diagnostician. Additional attendees do not have an additional vote for their district.
- II. Minutes 08-24-2017-The minutes from 08-24-2017 were reviewed. Becky Albrecht, Maryville, made a motion to accept the minutes. Matt Martz, Worth County, seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.
- III. Financial Report
  - A. FY18 Quarter 1 Report-The FY18 Quarter 1 Report was presented. Danny Johnson, King City, made a motion to accept the Quarter 1 Report. Brian Garner, Stanberry, seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.
- IV. Reports
  - A. ACES Director Report-Cindy Naber, Director, shared that the radio advertisement Public Notice has been completed, and documentation has been emailed to Special Education Coordinators. She reported that 13 paraprofessionals received training in October. The next paraprofessional training will be held on February 7, 2018 from 9-3 at NWMSU. The ACES website and forms have been updated. Newsletters and notice of additional trainings are posted monthly. There are currently 13 of 20 districts with up-to-date CPI training teams. Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway, shared that his district personnel would receive their training from an in-house CPI instructor. Districts are strongly encouraged to schedule their annual training to meet the requirements of their Restraint, Isolation and Seclusion Board Policy. Special education compliance training was completed on October 12, 2017 at the NW LASE meeting by Cindy Naber, ACES Director with Lauren Struthers, NW RPDC Representative facilitating during Q&A. Handouts from this training are available upon request. Cindy shared that Jane Jackson is the region's dyslexia specialist. Information on the dyslexia updates was shared and stressed that this is a general education issue to be discussed with administration. Danny Johnson, King City, made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Ken Eaton, Mound City, seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.
  - B. A resignation/retirement letter from Jodie Kurtz, Educational Diagnostician

was presented. Jodie's last day will be June 30, 2018. Matt Martz, Worth County, made a motion to accept the resignation letter. Mike Leach, Craig, seconded the motion. Ken Eaton, Mound City, opposed. Motion passed 11-1. Thanks to Jodie for her years of service to the districts.

V. Old Business

- A. Fiscal Agent Update-Ken Eaton, Mound City, announced Mound City District was willing to take on the responsibility of the new ACES fiscal agent effective July 1, 2018. There were concerns expressed about the absence of the other member districts. Cindy Naber, ACES Director, announced that other districts had expressed interest in joining the ACES cooperative. There were concerns expressed about the logistics of traveling/time for the related and mental health providers. No decision was made on opening cooperative enrollment to other districts at this time. It was recommended by Shannon Nolte, West Nodaway that the new fiscal agent continues to receive a one-time yearly administrative fee from the other member districts. This would be in addition to the ACES FY18 Budget for ACES Purchased Services Fiscal Agent Fee of \$6300. Ken Eaton, Mound City declined the one-time yearly allowance at this time. He would like to re-visit this proposal at a later date when he has an idea of fiscal agent costs involved for his district. Jim Shultz, North Andrew, made a motion to accept Mound City as the new ACES Fiscal Agent. Danny Johnson, King City, seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.

VI. New Business

- A. FY17 ACES Program Evaluation-Cindy Naber, Director, reported on the ACES Program Evaluation for FY17. Total School Visits were as follows: Psychologist 77, Psychologist Intern 120, Social Workers 297, Director 74, and Diagnostician 300. Diagnostician Services totaled at 409 for the year. The ACES Cooperative saw an increase in OSS Incidents, for a total of 171. Brian Garner, Stanberry, questioned the validity of the OSS Incidents reported for the FY16 of 78 incidents. District's Graduation Rate for FY17 was 98.51% with 18/20 districts reporting 100% graduation rate. Total Enrollment decreased from 6498 in FY16 to 6385 in FY17. James Simmelink, North Nodaway, made a motion to accept the FY17 Program Evaluation. Becky Albrecht, Maryville, seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0.
- B. Alternative School-Cindy Naber, Director of ACES, began the discussion on an Alternative School with Cornerstone of Care, and shared with the group a previous proposal from April 2017. Cindy Naber, Director of ACES asked the superintendents for input on current need, and where the committee was at in their exploration of an Alternative School setting. The members of the committee in attendance reported that the cost was more expensive per student for an alternative school than just being a member of a cooperative. Dropped at the end of last year due to cost and lack of centralized location of services. Consensus of the group in April 2017 was to put on hold until cost, location, referral process worked out in greater detail. The committee currently consists of: Karma Coleman (Nodaway Holt), Johnnie Silkett

(South Nodaway), Ken Eaton (Mound City), Jim Shultz (North Andrew), Shannon Nolte (West Nodaway), Carrie Livengood (Tarkio), Tim Jermain (Jefferson). There were no motions made.

- VI. Adjourn-Danny Johnson, King City, made a motion to adjourn at 10:55AM. The motion was seconded by Mike Leach, Craig. The motion passed 12-0.