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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2020

Members Present: Ms. Sue Ickes, Mr. Kevin Rossmiller, Ms. Julie Wittenauer, Mr. Nathan Faith, Mr. Gary Rowe, Ms. Amber Sensabaugh, Ms. Sue Lyon, Ms. Deb Faralli, and Ms. Tammy Muerhoff (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Mr. Tab Balmer, Mr. Aaron Kyser, Mr. John Barton, Ms. Eva Gonzalez, Ms. Liz Bornhoeft, and Mr. Justin Anderson,

BHASED Staff: Ms. Christan Schrader, Ms. Dawn Swanson, and Ms. Terri Sinde

1. Call to Order: Mr. Gary Rowe called the Governing Board meeting to order at 6:00p.m. via Zoom online meeting. Roll call was taken.

2. Consent Calendar: Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a blanket motion to approve agenda items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Ms. Sue Ickes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

- 2.1 Approval of minutes from November 17, 2020 meeting
- 2.2 Approval of expenditures, November 2020
- 2.3 Adopt the following updated and reviewed policies
 - 3:40 Director
 - 4:80 Accounting and Audits
 - 5:270 Employment At-Will Compensation and Assignment
 - 6:20 School Year and Calendar Day
 - 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
 - 7:100 Health, Eye, Dental Exam., Immunization, and Exclusion of Students

3. Board Finance Department and Treasurer's Report

Ms. Swanson reported on December billings that include the DHH Tuition, the Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) Rental and the Remote Hearing Equipment fees. The 2nd quarter Itinerant and Support Services will be billed as well. These quarter billing dates have shifted to September, December, and March to allow for the final quarter to reflect actual units served. She went on to share information on district financials through October 31, 2020. Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to accept Ms. Swanson's Finance Department's Report. Ms. Sue Ickes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

4. Director's Report

A. Remote Learning Update: The Center and Phoenix were on full remote learning from November 16, 2020 through December 4, 2020. Students and staff returned to the hybrid model on December 7th with hopes of remaining in person through December 18, 2020. Discussion was held regarding the return to school after winter break. Ms. Schrader proposed options and Board Members each weighed in on options. The decision was made to have students change the BHASED calendar to have a Teacher's Institute on January 4th, students will remain on full remote learning from January 5th – 8th and resume hybrid model January 11, 2021.

B. Policies: The Governing Board conducted a first reading of new policy: 7:345 Use of Education Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security and new exhibit: 2:220-E-9 Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum & Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration.

C. BINAX Covid-19 Testing – Ms. Schrader shared that this testing option was presented by the Rock Island County Health Department. The tests are provided free of charge, are 97% accurate, have results in 15 minutes, and can be administered locally by our school nurses. She went on to share that this would facilitate the quarantine decision making process and timelines of getting staff and students back in school. This would be available to staff and students free of charge. Ms. Schrader

noted that if we move forward, we will need to obtain a testing waiver drafted by the attorney, a CLIA waiver, and biohazard waste bags/removal. The BHASED nurses have already completed the required training.

- D. BHASED 18-22-Year-Old Program – This program was approved by the SAC and Governing Board in February of 2020. Ms. Schrader has secured a building, and BHASED will be implementing this program at the beginning of the 20-21 School Year. We will start off by serving 5-7 students, in hopes to grow the program to serve approximately 12 students.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to accept Ms. Schrader's Director's Report. Ms. Amber Sensabaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Executive Session

(5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or employees of the district. Ms. Deb Faralli made a motion to enter into Executive Session Mr. Nathan Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to Adopted a Notice to Remedy for Employee F. Ms. Deb Faralli seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.

The Governing Board returned to Open Session at 6:43p.m. Roll call was taken.

6. Personnel Recommendations: Ms. Sue Lyon made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Amber Sensabaugh to approve the personnel recommendations presented including a notice of intent to retire at the end of the 2020-21 school year of Ms. Tracy Juscius, teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, and to hire Carly Kirkman (BS+0 Step 4) as a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing for the 2021-22 school year. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
7. Freedom of Information Requests: There were no FOIA requests.
8. Forum/Other Matters: Ms. Schrader shared the following program updates: The Center has 137 students enrolled and is expected to have 140 by the end of December. There are 43 students on full-remote learning and 94 in-person. There was a CPI Refresher training for the advanced team on December 9th and IEP training for licensed staff coming up on December 16th. The Phoenix program has 43 enrolled and one referral in process. There are 13 students on full remote and 30 in person. Staff is collecting donations for Christmas gifts and food baskets for students and their families. Both programs will be on winter break December 21- January 1.

Ms. Schrader shared that the annual needs assessment surveys have been sent out to districts. These surveys fulfill IDEA grant requirements as well as provide information for the Cooperative regarding needs for programs, services, and professional development.

Ms. Schrader informed the Board hat a new parent portal has been activated in EmbraceIEP and Embrace504 for most of our districts. This new portal allows parents the opportunity to go online and view and sign their child's IEP/504 plan. The system generates a secure passcode that expires in 7 days and only allows them to view current IEP documents.

9. Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Sue Ickes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. Gary Rowe, President

Ms. Terri Sinde, Secretary