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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2021

Members Present: Mr. Kevin Rossmiller, Ms. Julie Wittenauer, Mr. Nathan Faith, Mr. Gary Rowe, Ms. Amber Sensabaugh, Ms. Sue Lyon, Ms. Deb Faralli, and, Mr. Justin Anderson

Members Absent: Ms. Sue Ickes, Mr. Tab Balmer, Mr. Aaron Kyser, Mr. John Barton, Ms. Eva Gonzalez, Ms. Liz Bornhoeft, and, Ms. Tammy Muerhoff (ex-officio)

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

Guest: Mr. Joe Blessman, Orion School District Superintendent

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: Ms. Deb Faralli made a blanket motion to approve agenda items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Mr. Kevin Rossmiller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - 2.1 Approval of minutes from December 15, 2020 meeting
 - 2.2 Approval of expenditures, December 2020
 - 2.3 Adopt the following updated and reviewed policies
7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
2:220-E-9 Requirement for No Physical Presence of Quorum

3. Board Finance Department and Treasurer's Report

Ms. Swanson reported that BHASED's IMRF employer rate was lowered to 10.98%, this is down from the 2020 rate of 11.69%. Mass Mutual is transitioning to Empower for our 403(b) Plan. The Medicaid administrative claim quarterly financial submission will be with the new company, PCG claiming system. PCG replaced Fairbanks in October 2020.

Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made a motion to accept Ms. Swanson's Finance Department's Report. Mr. Nathan Faith 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 remote January 4 -8 and returned to our in-person blended schedule on Monday January 11, 2021. The Center has 103 in-person students and 35 full-remote students. Phoenix has 27 in-person students and 15 full remote students for the third quarter of the 2020-21 school year.
- B. BINAX COVID-19 Testing: BHASED has received its CLIA waiver. Med-Pro out of Naperville will be handling the Biohazard waste/disposal for \$43.99 per month. The waivers are prepared and our nurses are fully trained.
- C. Annual Needs Assessment: The annual BHASED Needs Assessment has been completed. Surveys were sent to all BHASED staff as well as to member districts to be forwarded and submitted.

The BHASED staff survey had 101 responses. Areas identified as needs were: psychologists, occupational therapists, and social workers. Training needs identified were: technology, behavior interventions, CPR/AED, IEP process, and progress monitoring. Suggestions for improvement were social skills and behavior intervention training and supports.

The member district survey had 291 responses. Areas of need were identified as: expanding placement options, psychologists, social workers, training for social-emotional and behavioral needs, differentiation, and remote teaching strategies. These results were consistent with those in prior years.

BHASED has trained more than 200 people to date during the 2020-21 school year. We have at least 11 training topics and 14 additional trainings being offered this school year. All trainings are being held via Zoom and are being scheduled to accommodate district hybrid schedules.

- D. Positive Pathways Committee: Ms. Schrader reported that she was invited to participate on this statewide committee. The Committee was developed to discuss and plan special education services and programming coming out of the pandemic. The committee consists of directors of special education from across the state as well as Terri Engler, attorney, and Barbara Moore, ISBE Director of Special Education Department. Future meetings are planned and will continue with the goal to include state legislators and representatives.

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. Amber Sensabaugh made a motion to enter into Executive Session Ms. Sue Lyon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The Committee entered into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

The Governing Board returned to Open Session at 6:36 p.m. Roll call was taken.

6. Personnel Recommendations: There are no personnel recommendations at this time.
7. Freedom of Information Requests: Chicago Tribune/ProPublica requested information regarding contracts and agreements with law enforcement agencies on January 7, 2021. BHASED does not have any documents that would be included in this request.
8. Forum/Other Matters: Community Health Care offered BHASED employees the opportunity to receive COVID - 19 vaccines on January 16 & 17, 2021. There were approximately 84 employees registered to be vaccinated. Others were already vaccinated or are opting to be vaccinated in their assigned districts.
9. Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Kevin Rossmiller made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Sue Lyon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. Gary Rowe, President

Ms. Terri Sinde, Secretary