MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
A.E.R.O. SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018
A.E.R.O. BOARD ROOM

Andrea Mesko, A.E.R.O. Executive Secretary served as Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Cindy McSweeney at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:
Present: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Absent: R. Garcia, 104; T Saunders, 111; D. Anderson, 217

Administrators Present: James W. Gunnell, Executive Director; Christine Putlak, Asst. Director; Maggie Lesniak, CSBO

Others: Mr. Frank Patrick, Executive Board President; Dr. Dan Riordan, Executive Board Secretary; Todd Hayden, Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.; Alan Sraga, Engler Callaway Baasen & Sraga, LLC

President McSweeney welcomed Mary Zokfie from Member District 231 to her first meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Recognition of Public: Dr. Gunnell welcomed Dr. Paul Enderle, Superintendent for Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123, who expressed the desire to address the board.

Dr. Enderle, Superintendent, Oak Lawn Hometown SD 123 addressed the Board during the public participation portion of the meeting. Dr. Enderle reiterated his district’s position as stated in his November 20, 2017 letter to both A.E.R.O. Boards. Dr. Enderle considers the A.E.R.O. nonmember fees to be excessively high when compared to other special education cooperatives within Illinois, as well as nationally. Although, he did not provide any comparable evidence for the basis of this claim. Dr. Enderle believes that there are duplicate calculations within the nonmember fees and the liabilities associated with the “Withdrawal from Cooperative Settlement Agreement”. Dr. Enderle stated that these excessive fees were put into place to penalize and punish his district for withdrawing from the A.E.R.O. Cooperative. Dr. Enderle admitted that in hindsight, he and his school board should have reviewed the details of the nonmember fees more closely along with the details of the settlement agreement before they approved the nonmember fees and signed the settlement agreement in 2015. Dr. Enderle stated that he hopes this dispute between his district and A.E.R.O. could be solved without legal action, but he reminded the Governing Board that his district is prepared to go down the legal path if the A.E.R.O. Board chooses to do so. Dr. Enderle respectfully requested a meeting to further discuss the issues. Dr. Enderle thanked the Board members for their time.
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Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda Motion:

It was moved by Ms. Cook and seconded by Ms. Egan to approve the agenda, including items one (1) through four (4) on the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The following recommendations on the consent agenda were approved as presented:

A. Bills for Payment (Consent Agenda Item #1)

1) Regular November 2017 Bills, dated December 06, 2017 in the amount of $1,164,354.24 (Consent Agenda Item #1)

   Education Fund (Fund 10) $651,509.92
   Building Fund (Fund 20) $17,200.69
   Transportation Fund (Fund 40) $13,700.38
   IDEA Flow Through Grant (Fund 19) $481,943.25
   Medicaid Administrative Outreach (Fund 18) $0
   Medicaid Fee for Service (Fund 17) $0

2) Regular December 2017 Bills, dated January 10, 2018 in the amount of $597,847.75 (Consent Agenda Item #1)

   Education Fund (Fund 10) $566,617.17
   Building Fund (Fund 20) $16,709.12
   Transportation Fund (Fund 40) $14,521.46
   IDEA Flow Through Grant (Fund 19) $0
   Medicaid Administrative Outreach (Fund 18) $0
   Medicaid Fee for Service (Fund 17) $0

B. Payrolls (Consent Agenda Item #2)

1. October 27, 2017, in the amount of $593,808.14
   Education Fund $576,061.64
   Building Fund $9,713.04
   Transportation Fund $8,033.46
Approval of Consent Agenda (continued)

The following recommendations on the consent agenda were approved as presented:

B. Payrolls (Consent Agenda Item #2)

   Education Fund   $590,184.84
   Building Fund     $8,796.82
   Transportation Fund $7,809.46

3. November 21, 2017, in the amount of $601,047.06
   Education Fund   $582,225.04
   Building Fund     $10,564.56
   Transportation Fund $8,257.46

4. December 08, 2017, in the amount of $590,685.80
   Education Fund   $573,162.64
   Building Fund     $9,777.70
   Transportation Fund $7,745.46

5. December 22, 2017, in the amount of $583,291.75
   Education Fund   $566,464.89
   Building Fund     $9,721.40
   Transportation Fund $7,105.46

C. Personnel Recommendations (Consent Agenda #3)

1. Resignation(s)

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2. Employment/Re-employment Recommendations

Certified Personnel

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Approval of Consent Agenda (continued)

The following recommendations on the consent agenda were approved as presented:

C. Personnel Recommendations (Consent Agenda #3) (continued)

2. Employment/Re-employment Recommendations (continued)

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3. Salary Adjustments

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4. Leave of Absence Request(s)

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<td>Vicky Burchell</td>
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<td>A.E.R.O.</td>
<td>30-61 10-15 days FMLA – Approx. 01/24/18 to 2/16/18</td>
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<td>Judy Wroble</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>PRIDE</td>
<td>3-4 weeks FMLA – Beginning 12/28/18</td>
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<td>Karen Roche</td>
<td>Nurse/Aide</td>
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<td>FMLA duration TBD – Beginning 01/08/18</td>
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5. Notice of Intent to Retire

1. Kathleen Moesle, Instructional Assistant, has submitted a letter indicating that she intends to retire effective at the end of academic year 2019.
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Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2017

It was moved by Mr. Almendarez, seconded by Ms. Zofkie that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board held on November 20, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231

Motion Carried.

Dr. Enderle exited the meeting 7:08 p.m.

Christine Putlak, Asst. Director exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Todd Hayden, Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. Left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Almendarez, seconded by Ms. Cook that the Governing Board go into closed session at 7:08 p.m. under Section 2(c)(1) for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and under Section 2(c)(5) for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and under Section 2(c)(11) for the purpose of the discussion of possible litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and under Section 2(c)(21) for the purpose of the discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
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Others Present: Mr. Frank Patrick, Executive Board President; Dr. Dan Riordan, Executive Board Secretary; Alan Sraga, Engler Callaway Baasen & Sraga, LLC  

Alan Sraga, Engler Callaway Baasen & Sraga, LLC exited the meeting at 7:52 p.m and did not return.  

Todd Hayden, Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. entered the meeting at 7:53 p.m.  

Dr. Dan Riordan, Executive Board Secretary and Todd Hayden, Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd. exited the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and did not return.  

Reconvene Meeting  

It was moved by Mr. Almandarez, seconded by Mr. Sears to reconvene the meeting from Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.  

Roll Call Vote  

Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231  

Nays: None  

Motion Carried.  

Christine Putlak, Asst. Director returned to the meeting at 8:26 p.m.  
Mr. Frank Patrick, exited the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and did not return.  

Following Closed Session  

Roll Call:  

Present: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231  

Absent: R. Garcia, 104; T Saunders, 111; D. Anderson, 217  

Administrators Present: James W. Gunnell, Executive Director; Christine Putlak, Asst. Director; Maggie Lesniak, CSBO  

Closed Session Minutes  

It was moved by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Almendarez that the Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on November 20, 2017, and that they be closed to the public.  

Roll Call Vote  

Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231  

Nays: None  

Motion Carried.
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**Following Closed Session (continued)**

**Closed Session Minutes**  
It was moved by Mr. Almendarez, seconded by President McSweeney that after reviewing the Closed Session Minutes listed below, the Governing Board determined to keep these Minutes closed to the public:

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**Previous Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes:**  
C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231

**Nays:**  
None

**Motion Carried.**

**Destruction of Recordings**  
It was moved by Ms. Cook, seconded by Ms. Egan that the Board has reviewed the Minutes listed below and now approves the destruction of tapes from the following closed session meetings:
Following Closed Session (continued)

January 25, 2016  (Approved and Closed to Public at the March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting)
March 14, 2016   (Approved and Closed to Public at the May 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting)
May 16, 2016     (Approved and Closed to Public at the July 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting)

Previous Roll Call Vote
Ayes:            C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231
Nays:            None

Motion Carried.

Administrative Reports and Recommendations

Vacancy Report
Ms. Putlak reported that PRIDE Program has a vacancy for one (1) PE Teacher at PRIDE, one (1) vacancy for an Instructional Assistant for the CD Program at Byrd School, and one (1) vacancy for a Family Therapist.

Budget and Fiscal

Action Items

Budget Change: Transfer 1 FTE Instructional Assistant
Dr. Gunnell reported that the A.E.R.O. Administration is requesting to transfer 1 FTE Instructional Assistant from Multi-Needs Program #42 to Early Childhood Program #40. The transfer is necessary due to an increase in the number of students in the Early Childhood Program from a budgeted number of 10 students to an actual number of 18 students currently enrolled. Dr. Gunnell reported that the transfer does not impact the overall FY18 Budget.

Motion
It was moved by Mr. Almendarez, seconded by Ms. Zofkie that the Governing Board authorize the transfer of budgeted 1 FTE from the Multi-Needs Program to the Early Childhood Program.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes:            C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231
Nays:            None

Motion Carried.
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Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Budget and Fiscal (continued)

Action Items (continued)

Lift Vans for FY18 - Permission to Bid

Dr. Gunnell reported that as part of the A.E.R.O. Strategic Plan to increase student opportunities and experiences outside of the classroom, A.E.R.O. Administration had been in the process of purchasing 2 vans to be retro-fitted into lift vans and asked Maggie Lesniak, A.E.R.O. CSBO to provide an update on the process. Ms. Lesniak reported that two (2) 15 passenger vans had been purchased, however, on the day of delivery A.E.R.O. was notified that Ford could not allow the sale of the vans to A.E.R.O. due to fines that would be imposed on the vendor because of certain State laws regarding 15 passenger vehicles. Ms. Lesniak reported that A.E.R.O. would need to go out for bids again for two (2) 14 passenger vans or busses and pursue having those vehicles retro-fitted with the proper lift equipment.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Zofkie that the Governing Board authorize the Administration to go out for bid for two (2) 2018 Lift Vans.

Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

2018 Extended School Year Services Budget (ESY)

Dr. Gunnell reported that the proposed A.E.R.O. Budget for the 2018 Extended School Year Services (ESY) was included in the board packet. Dr. Gunnell remarked that A.E.R.O. Administration has been working with Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 and Reavis High School District 220 on use of classrooms. The projected enrollment for the ESY program is 230 students with the projected cost per student coming in at $2,196.00.

Motion

It was moved by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Almendarez that the Governing Board approve and adopt the 2018 Extended School Year Services Budget and authorize the A.E.R.O. Administration to register students and employ staff.

Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
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**Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)**

**Budget and Fiscal (continued)**

**Action Items (continued)**

**Tuition Reimbursement: Chief School Business Official**  
Dr. Gunnell reported that Maggie Lesniak, A.E.R.O. CSBO had submitted the appropriate paperwork and is seeking tuition reimbursement, per her employment contract for the classes taken toward her Doctoral Degree for the summer and fall semesters of 2017.

Motion  
It was moved by Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Almendarez that the Governing Board approve tuition reimbursement as presented.

Previous Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes:  
C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231

Nays:  
None

Motion Carried.

**Non-Action Items**

**Bills Payable to A.E.R.O. / Cash Flow**  
Ms. Lesniak described A.E.R.O.’s current outstanding invoices and cash flow. She stated that there are no significant concerns at this time, with the exception of Invoice #18-124 (Nonmember Fees) from Oak Lawn-Hometown, School District 123 which are over 140 days past due. Ms. Lesniak reported the following balances:

- Education Fund Balance (Fund 10) $1,330,000.00
- Building Fund Balance (Fund 20) $60,000.00
- Transportation Fund Balance (Fund 40) $40,000.00
- Outstanding Invoices $3,195,000.00

**Insurance Reports**  
Ms. Lesniak reported that there was not any news to report as far as insurance. Ms. Lesniak remarked that the next meeting for the South Suburban Benefits Cooperative will be on April 19, 2018 and that rates for next year would be discussed at the meeting.

**FY19 Budget Schedule**  
Dr. Gunnell reported that at the Board members’ place settings was the tentative FY19 Budget Schedule. Dr. Gunnell reported that the proposed draft budget would be presented at the Executive Board meeting on April 4, 2018. The final A.E.R.O. FY18 Budget would be presented to both A.E.R.O. Boards at the May 2018 meetings. The adoption of the Budget is expected in July 2018.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services

Action Item

Donations: (Consent Agenda Item #4)
1. Donor: John and Chris Schick-Rifton Stander  Approx. Value $2,525.00
2. Donor: John and Chris Schick-Rifton Chair Approx. Value $2,034.00
3. Donor: Reavis Art Fair/Santa Workshop $681.00
4. Donor: Jasons Deli/PBIS Fundraiser $129.91
5. Donor: Rabbi Douglas Goldhammer/Peggy Bailey $200.00

Non-Action Item

A.E.R.O. Operated Programs

Ms. Putlak reported that once again this past holiday, the A.E.R.O. family sponsored the annual giving tree. This year 13 families were selected with students selected from A.E.R.O. Center, Pride Program and outlying classrooms. The families selected were from Member School Districts 108, 109, 110, 111, 220 and 229. Each student and their siblings received gifts from their wish lists as provided by their parents.

The PRIDE Program Mid-Year graduation was celebrated with students from Argo High School District 217, Reavis High School District 220 and Oak Lawn Community High School District 229. The ceremony was an exceptionally emotional event which included students who have overcome obstacles both emotionally and academically. The Pride Staff are confident that all the students are ready for the next stage of their lives. One student is continuing this semester in the A.E.R.O. CONNECT Bridge program where he receives support in employability skills and in his Moraine Valley Community College courses. Also celebrated was the first graduate from the A.E.R.O. CONNECT Bridge program last month with an Evergreen Park School District 231 student. The young lady made tremendous growth in her study skills, soft skills and work skills while she was in the program.

At the request of the Collaborative Council members, A.E.R.O. hosted two Roundtables events for district related services staff. In December, school psychologists had the opportunity to collaborate with their colleagues on hot topics from assessment to Response to Intervention (RTI). On January 8, 2018 A.E.R.O. hosted a Roundtable event for the district nurses. Topics at the meeting included compliance with the Nurse Practice Act, discussion of daily challenges with the position and brainstorming activities. Both related services groups found the opportunity to be beneficial and suggested meeting on a more regular basis. Our next Collaborative Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018, at which Maggie Sheldon and Christine Putlak will discuss both roundtables and determine how we will continue based on their recommendations.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services (continued)

Non-Action Items (continued)

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Other professional development opportunities that district staff are taking advantage of include: “Cultural Competency for the Social Workers” and “Why Do Students Engage in Challenging Behavior and What Can I Do About It?” which is being repeated on February 20, 2018 due to the high interest, and “Have It Your Way with Google Chrome – Supports for Executive Functioning”. Lastly, 30 district staff members are registered for the Developing Culturally and Linguistically responsive supports and interventions for the multilingual language learners with diverse needs.

Ms. Putlak also remarked that every now and then PRIDE staff receive emails from prior students simply connecting or thanking them. Ms. Putlak shared a humorous email from a former student to a PRIDE Social Worker.

Dupage/West Cook Special Ed. Assoc.

Dr. Gunnell reported that the DuPage/West Cook Special Education Association is an Intergovernmental Agreement comprised of 92 school districts. There are two operating entities, LADSE and SASED. In 2003 DuPage/West Cook entered into a long-term agreement with Hinsdale High School District 86 to host its Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. That agreement is set to expire in June of 2018. Dr. Gunnell stated the next DuPage/West Cook board meeting is scheduled for February 15th and he will keep the A.E.R.O. Board members updated.

Transportation Services

Dr. Gunnell reported that a copy of an article from the Daily Southtown had been included in the Board Member place settings. The article detailed an incident that involved an alleged DUI with one of the bus drivers from RichLee Vans, Inc. The incident occurred at Walsh School, Summit School District 104. Dr. Gunnell reported that Principal Chris Smith and A.E.R.O. staff exercised good judgement by taking immediate action on their observations to keep all students and staff safe.

Dr. Gunnell reported on another incident involving a RichLee Vans, Inc. employee that occurred during the week of December 18, 2017. A RichLee bus hit a vehicle belonging to an A.E.R.O. student’s parent at the time the student was dropped off at home. The vehicle was damaged and the incident had to be elevated to the level of CEO at RichLee Vans. The incident was resolved after several days with a rental car being issued and the parent’s vehicle being repaired.
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Building and Grounds

Action Items (none)

Non-Action Items (none)

Other Matters of Concern/Interest to the Board

Action Items (none)

Non-Action Items

Correspondence

Dr. Gunnell remarked that he had also included at the Board Member place settings a copy of a thank you letter sent by a family who had been the recipient of donations from a food drive that both the A.E.R.O. Center and PRIDE Program facilitated for the holiday season.

Unfinished Business

Financial Advisor Request for Proposal

Dr. Gunnell reported that the A.E.R.O. Finance and Facility Committee had met on January 10, 2018. At the meeting, the committee discussed the 4 proposals for financial advising services that had been received. Discussions included some personal knowledge of and experience with each vender that committee members had. Committee members also discussed their reviews of the proposals and the rankings they had given each vender based on rubric measurements of pricing and elements of services that were included in the proposals.

Committee members had ranked their two top choices as PMA Financial and Raymond James Financial and discussed bringing each firm back for interviewing. Members decided that it would be preferred that each firm be invited to present their proposal to the committee on February 7, 2018 following the scheduled Executive Board Meeting.
Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Almendarez that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes: C. McSweeney, 108; R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; J. Reising, 122; J. Egan, 124; M. Cook, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Andrea Mesko, Recording Secretary

President: Cindy McSweeney
Date

Secretary: Ruben Almendarez
Date