MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
A.E.R.O. SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019
A.E.R.O. BOARD ROOM

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

Dr. Gunnell declared that the meeting was the first meeting after many changes to board members. Both the President and Vice-President positions are not currently filled. With the absence of the Board Secretary, and the election of officers being held later in this meeting, he announced that he was appointing Ms. Trish Saunders from District 111 as Board President Pro Tem and Ms. Mary Zofkie from District 231 as Board Secretary Pro Tem for the purposes of conducting this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Trish Saunders at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call:**
Present: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Absent: R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; D. Ponce, 217

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

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Dr. Gunnell welcomed new Board member, Ms. Micki Bohac from Willow Springs SD 108 and welcomed back Ms. Jeanne Reising from Ridgeland SD 122 as a returning Board member.

**Recognition of Public**

Dr. Gunnell welcomed Mr. Ron McGrath and Mr. Tom Szurgot from Tria Architects, along with Ms. Karen Dertz, Ms. Kathy Kovanich, and Ms. Nicole White from the A.E.R.O. Education Association. Dr. Gunnell also welcomed Ms. Cindy McSweeney, former A.E.R.O. Governing Board President. All present declined to address the board.

**Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda Motion:**

It was moved by Ms. Garcia and seconded by Ms. Zofkie to approve the agenda, including items one (1) through five (5) on the Consent Agenda.

**Roll Call Vote:**
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
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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 March 2019 Bills dated April 03, 2019 in the amount of $626,988.05  
(Consent Agenda Item #1)

   Education Fund (Fund 10) $577,917.94
   Building Fund (Fund 20) $33,067.39
   Transportation Fund (Fund 40) $10,921.72
   IDEA Flow Through Grant (Fund 19) $0
   Medicaid Administrative Outreach (Fund 18) $0
   Medicaid Fee for Service (Fund 17) $5,081.00

2. Regular April 2019 Bills dated May 01, 2019 in the amount of $832,098.90  
(Consent Agenda Item #1)

   Education Fund (Fund 10) $783,975.50
   Building Fund (Fund 20) $31,484.50
   Transportation Fund (Fund 40) $16,638.90
   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. March 01, 2019 in the amount of $583,624.89  
   Education Fund $564,156.37
   Building Fund $11,881.75
   Transportation Fund $7,586.77

2. March 15, 2019 in the amount of $578,328.83  
   Education Fund $560,368.67
   Building Fund $10,967.39
   Transportation Fund $6,992.77

3. March 29, 2019 in the amount of $581,329.32  
   Education Fund $562,301.88
   Building Fund $11,407.67
   Transportation Fund $7,619.77

4. April 12, 2019 in the amount of $566,550.22  
   Education Fund $549,085.06
   Building Fund $10,967.39
   Transportation Fund $6,497.77
Approval of Consent Agenda (continued)

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

B. Payrolls (Consent Agenda Item #2) (continued)

5. April 26, 2019 in the amount of $581,770.88
   Education Fund $563,313.66
   Building Fund 11,315.95
   Transportation Fund 7,141.27

C. Personnel Recommendations (Consent Agenda #3)

1. Resignation(s)

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<td>Kristin Beezhold</td>
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2. Employment/Re-employment Recommendations

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<td>Carli Hochstetter</td>
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<td>2</td>
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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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<td>Marquis Dreyer</td>
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<td>Susan Riney</td>
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3. A.E.R.O. Extended School Year (ESY) Program 2019

Recommendation: Employ the individuals listed on Ms. Poe’s memo dated March 25, 2019 for the 2019 Extended School Year Program staff.

4. Salary Adjustment(s)/Correction(s) (none)

5. Leave of Absence Request(s)

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<td>Jean Piet</td>
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<td>Holly Forsyth</td>
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<td>30-60 days FMLA beginning May 13, 2019</td>
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6. Notice of Intent to Retire

1. Maureen Mayer, Instructional Assistant, has submitted a letter indicating that she intends to retire effective at the end of this 2018-2019 academic year.
Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019

It was moved by Ms. Klimczak, seconded by Ms. Zofkie that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board held on March 18, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Abstains: T. Arnold, 220

Motion Carried.

Administrative Reports and Recommendations

Vacancy Report
Dr. Putlak reported that there are twelve (12) Instructional Assistant positions vacant in the STAR program at A.E.R.O. Center, three (3) in the FALP Outlying program, three (3) in the CONNECT Outlying program, four (4) in the Multi-Needs program, and two (2) at PRIDE. Three (3) 1:1 Aide positions are vacant. Ms. Putlak also reported that vacancies for certified positions include a Social Worker, a Bi-Lingual Speech Language Pathologist, and the Job Coach/Grant Manager position.

Budget and Fiscal

Action Items

Medicaid Reimbursement Distributions
Authorize A.E.R.O. Administration to disburse to Member Districts and A.E.R.O. as described in Column “C” of the reimbursement schedules in the amount of $147,432.80 for the period of March-May 2018; $9,723.78 for the period of October 2018; and $65,654.36 for the period of December 2018 for the Medicaid Fee for Service Program.

Tuition Reimbursement CSBO
Dr. Gunnell reported that in accordance with her employment contract, Ms. Lesniak, CSBO, is seeking reimbursement for tuition related to her doctorate program in the amount of $1,114.71.

Motion
It was moved by Ms. Zofkie, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Governing Board approve tuition reimbursement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
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Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Budget and Fiscal (continued)

Action Items (continued)

A.E.R.O. FY20 Budget

Dr. Gunnell began a presentation on the Proposed FY20 A.E.R.O. Budget. He started off by reviewing the budget development process that includes establishing and seeking efficiencies in staffing patterns, scrutinizing continuing costs and all budget line items, and incorporating initiatives of the strategic plan. He reported that after working with the superintendents from March until May to finalize details, the A.E.R.O. FY20 Proposed Budget shows an overall 2.7% increase compared to FY19 budget. He asked Maggie Lesniak, CSBO, to elaborate and answer any questions.

Ms. Lesniak presented a visual providing a general breakdown on expenditures, the bulk of which goes to employee salaries. Ms. Lesniak reviewed each category and explained the expenditures that are included in each category. She reviewed the budget assumptions which includes anticipated increases or decreases in employee benefits, employee salaries, student enrollment projections, workers compensation insurance, and continued enhancements of the strategic plan initiatives. Strategic plan enhancement initiatives include lift vans, roofing and HVAC projects, implementing Chrome Books at PRIDE, and the replacement of Smartboards, copiers and printers, and the Wifi Access Points for the facilities. He asked Dr. Putlak to discuss program enhancements.

Dr. Putlak described the addition of a Job Developer and how it has impacted the CONNECT Bridge program by significantly adding community partners. She reviewed statistical data showing the increase and benefits of post-high school transitional programs. She discussed the addition of the Intervention Room program at PRIDE School and the effects of the positive behavior intervention and supports.

Ms. Lesniak reviewed the sources of revenue with Evidence Based Funding and Special Education Transportation Reimbursement, along with Pension Cost Shift which could require a budget amendment. Ms. Lesniak reviewed the Billable Pro Rata summary. Dr. Gunnell added, A.E.R.O. would see significant savings with 9 newly retired employees. Other particularly noteworthy budget points included the impact of closing one Early Childhood classroom, adding one FALP classroom, and the addition of a new position, School Psychologist.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Klimeczak that the Governing Board approve the 2019-2020 A.E.R.O. Budget, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimeczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Budget and Fiscal (continued)

Non-Action Items

Bills Payable to A.E.R.O. /Cash Flow

Ms. Lesniak reported that A.E.R.O.’s current outstanding invoices balance is $1,410,000.00, all of which are current. Ms. Lesniak referred members to the financial reports at the tables and reported the following balances as of May 1:

- Education Fund Balance (Fund 10) $5,702,236.00
- Building Fund Balance (Fund 20) $1,165,261.00
- Transportation Fund Balance (Fund 40) $202,659.00

Ms. Lesniak also reported on revenues by fund, year-to-date expenditures, and revenues by source.

Insurance Reports

Ms. Lesniak reported that the last meeting with South Suburban Benefits Cooperative was on April 11th. The cash balance for the cooperative is above $500,000.00. Members of the PPO Plans were switched over to a new prescription program May 1st, 2019. The FY20 rates for insurance with South Suburban Benefits Cooperative will be increased by 3%.

Ms. Lesniak reported that A.E.R.O. currently has open enrollment for insurance that will be with Educational Benefits Cooperative effective July 1, 2019. Representatives from the new cooperative were present to speak with employees at PRIDE and A.E.R.O. on May 7th and 8th.

ISBE FY20 IDEA Flow Through Grant Allocation Changes Extension

Dr. Gunnell remarked that this topic had been discussed earlier as an action item and A.E.R.O. has a one-year extension for allocations changes. Dr. Gunnell added that the one-year extension period would allow A.E.R.O. Administration time to train district staff on grant procedures and fiduciary responsibilities.

FY19 IDEA Final Amendments

Dr. Gunnell reported that all of the final amendments for the FY19 IDEA grants were approved, and the grant periods ends June 30, 2019.

IDEA Maintenance of Special Education Local Effort

Dr. Gunnell reported that 9 Member districts have met the requirements of the Maintenance of Effort District Worksheets. There are 2 districts that have not yet met the requirements and as in previous years, Maggie Lesniak, A.E.R.O. CSBO, is working with those districts to make any necessary adjustments.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services

Action Items

Donations (Consent Agenda Item # 5)

- Donor: Staff members $ 99.00
- Donor: Autism Shirt Fundraiser $ 294.36
- Donor: Living Color Plant Fundraiser $2,2620.00
- Donor: Chipotle Fundraiser $ 115.32
- Donor: Walk and Roll Fundraiser $ 1,375.00

A.E.R.O. 2019

ESY and Summer Vocational Programs

Dr. Gunnell stated that the budget for the 2019 Extended School Year program and Vocational program was approved in January. He reported that the dates, and locations for the program had been included in the board materials. Dr. Gunnell thanked Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 and Reavis High School District 220 for the use of classrooms and facilities to host the A.E.R.O. ESY program. Dr. Gunnell added that the approval of the dates and hours is necessary to satisfy any future audit regarding proof of the ESY program meeting the minimal number of hours.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Zofkie, seconded by Ms. Garcia that the Governing Board approve the 2019 Extended School Year and Summer Vocational Work Program dates as presented.

Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

New/Revised A.E.R.O. Policies

Dr. Gunnell reported that the current list of A.E.R.O. Board Policy updates was included in the board packet materials. Dr. Gunnell noted that policy 4:190 was held back from approval for further legal review, and that policy 6:15 does not apply to special education cooperatives.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Zofkie, seconded by Ms. Saunders that the Governing Board adopt the following New/Revised A.E.R.O. Special Education Policies.

Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zofkie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services (continued)

Action Items (continued)

2018-2019 School Calendar Adjustment

Dr. Gunnell reported that an adjustment to the 2018-2019 A.E.R.O. School Calendar is necessary due to the use of an emergency day on November 26th, 2018 and January 28th, 30th and 31st, 2019. A.E.R.O. Administrations is seeking the approval of the board to designate those dates as Emergency Day and designate May 29th through 31st, 2019 and June 3rd, 2019 as Attendance Days and the final day of attendance for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Saunders, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Governing Board amend the current FY19 school calendar by designating November 26th, 2018 and January 28th, 30th and 31st, 2019 as Emergency Days and designating May 29th through 31st, 2019 and June 3rd, 2019 as Attendance Days and making Monday, June 3rd, 2019 the final day of attendance for the 2018-2019 school year.

Previous Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Request for Enrollment of Out-Of-District Student

Dr. Gunnell reported that a copy of a request from Kirby School District 140 to enroll a student into the PRIDE program was included in the board materials. He remarked that PRIDE Principal, Mary Meehan, has determined that the enrollment of the student would have no adverse impact or create any undue hardship on the PRIDE program or staff.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Governing Board approve the District 140 request to enroll a student in the PRIDE Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Previous Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services

Non-Action Items

A.E.R.O. Operated Programs

Dr. Putlak reported the following with respect to A.E.R.O. Operated Programs:

On May 16th students from the Reavis CONNECT classes volunteered at the Midwest Business Consulting Small Business Clinic. Five students greeted visitors, passed out pamphlets and guided attendees through the vendor tables.

On May 17th, A.E.R.O. celebrated the retirement of nine staff members. The event was held at 115 Bourbon Street and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Also on May 17th, the CONNECT Bridge program located at the Stickney Township Center participated in the Walk for Mental Health sponsored by the South Stickney Clinic.

May has been filled with graduation celebrations from Early Childhood through our post-high CONNECT programs. Dr. Putlak thanked both Reavis and Evergreen Park High Schools for their assistance in hosting the high school Moving Up and CONNECT ceremonies.

On April 10th, A.E.R.O. sponsored the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to provide free physicals and immunizations to eligible students. Approximately 12 parents completed paperwork for their students to participate. The A.E.R.O./Reavis Peer Mentoring program ended their year with a bowling and pizza party on April 12th. The peer mentors and the A.E.R.O. students thoroughly enjoyed the social activities this year.

The annual A.E.R.O. Track and Field Day was held on April 30th. Despite the weather, the students and the peer mentors had an awesome time. Thank you to our hosts at Oak Lawn High School for the use of their facilities. A.E.R.O. students and staff also participated in the” Walk and Roll” PBIS Fundraiser on April 26th. The A.E.R.O. Arrows parent group assisted at the event, which raised: $1375.00. One of the parents donated tickets to “Willis Tower” downtown. These were raffled to parents during the event.

On April 2nd, Trisha Nowac, our Career Facilitator took five students from PRIDE and two from the A.E.R.O. CONNECT Bridge program to an Electrician’s Experience Day at the IBEW 134/NECA. They began with calisthenics, a scaffolding climb, and a pipe carry. They learned how to bend conduit and the math that is involved. They were provided lunch during which time they spoke with the instructors. They also learned about transformers and then worked in pairs to wire a light bulb. At the end of the day, they discussed the benefits of being an electrician, the schooling that is involved, and of course, how much money they would earn.
A.E.R.O. STAR classroom at Brodicki School has learned a lot about how matter changes. In the past month, they’ve studied the water cycle. Students created water cycle diagrams, made clouds, filled them, and watched it rain. They also made rock crystals to learn more about evaporation. In honor of Earth Day, they planted lettuce and are watching it grow.

One of our Indian Springs School District 109 students joined his peers at Burbank SD 111 Byrd School in sharing ideas for the design of the new playground that Byrd will have built this summer! He was very excited to help take part in the design process. Students in the Willow School CD program participate in the school’s Career Fair which was held on Monday, May 6th. We were able to visit each A.E.R.O. student’s display and listen to their presentation.

Last month, students in the Evergreen Park High School FALP program volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, while also hosting the Annual A.E.R.O. ART Fair. Students in the Reavis FALP program assisted with mailings of the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce Newsletters. Students in the Oak Lawn STAR program were treated to a tour at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Our Reavis students participated in a pen pal program this year, sponsored by the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and organized by our job developer Lindsay DeVries. They met their pen pals at a pizza party on May 26th.

One of our Evergreen Park SD 231 students was recently employed at Christ Hospital in the kitchen and is in the process of completing his training. He will exit the A.E.R.O. CONNECT Bridge Program at the end of May.

A.E.R.O. Mentors and their Mentees wrapped up the year with a summative reflection activity last week. The mentors sponsored a pot luck for the novice teachers while the group discussed plans for the 2019-2020 school year. This past quarter the focus was on taking “instructional risks”. Mentees challenged themselves to implement research-based strategies that they haven’t tried before. Some of these new strategies include: a thematic social studies unit, a social work play group, and partner lead classroom discussions.

Our Assistive Technology Coordinators recently trained A.E.R.O. and district staff on the Clicker 7 Literacy program. Here is a quote about one of our newest A.E.R.O. CONNECT students: “B” is happy to write, for the first time in her life, as she said, due to the Clicker Connect app and the GoWrite app on a classroom iPad. With these technologies, she has gained access to materials her classmates have access to. Despite her physical limitations, “B” consistently demonstrates persistence and endurance as she trials new apps on the iPad.”
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Programs and Services (continued)

Non-Action Items (continued)

2019-2020 Member District Calendars
Dr. Gunnell remarked that he has requested copy of each district’s school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year when the ISBE system for the calendars opens and they are available. He explained that he uses the district calendars while developing the A.E.R.O. calendar.

Classrooms for 2019-2020
Dr. Gunnell informed Board members that the need for classroom space for the 2019-2020 school year has come down to two more rooms needed. Dr. Gunnell stated that two of the Member Districts are working to try to secure approval for those classrooms and that the final approval to continue to use the space provided at the Stickney Township Health District building is pending.

DuPage/West Cook
Dr. Gunnell reported that the lease agreement between DuPage/West Cook and Hinsdale District 86 is complete. He informed Board members that the Articles of Agreement are complete as well and will be sent out to member districts for their approval.

IWAS Attendance Reporting
Dr. Gunnell reported the IWAS Attendance Reporting had been completed and that the system should reopen on March 18th for the districts to go in to verify their information and/or make any changes necessary. Dr. Gunnell remarked that this is a new process that required the Superintendents to verify the enrollment of special education students.

Buildings and Grounds

Action Items

Pekron Consulting Plan Design for Asbestos Abatement And Project Management and Air Monitoring
Dr. Gunnell asked Mr. Ron McGrath from Tria Architecture to speak to the Proposal to Provide a Project Design for asbestos abatement and the Proposal to Provide Management/Air Monitoring from Pekron Consulting that were included in the board materials.

Mr. McGrath reported that the Proposal to Provide a Project Design was laid out to show how Pekron Consulting and Tria Architecture would coordinate and execute the bidding process for work on the asbestos abatement process for the Queen of Peace facility.

Mr. McGrath explained that the Proposal to Provide Project Management/Air Monitoring is a figure that could increase or decrease depending on the length of time the project actually takes. The proposal is based on a five-week estimated time frame, but the actual cost will be adjusted to the specific amount of days that are needed.
Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Buildings and Grounds (continued)

Action Items (continued)

Pekron Consulting Plan Design  It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Arnold that the Governing Board approve the Pekron project design for asbestos abatement at Queen of Peace High School at a cost of $3,500.00.

Motion  Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes:  R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays:  None
Motion Carried.

Pekron Consulting Project Management And Air Monitoring  It was moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Burke that the Governing Board authorize the A.E.R.O. Executive Director to approve the Pekron Consulting as Project Management and Air Monitoring during the asbestos abatement at Queen of Peace High School at a cost of $600.00 per day and a final report at the cost of $850.00.

Motion  Previous Roll Call Vote:
Ayes:  R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays:  None
Motion Carried.

Non-Action Items

Queen of Peace Update  Dr. Gunnell reported he, Dr. D. Riordan, and Dr. M. Riordan had been very active recently with activities related to contacting local legislators. There was a recent meeting with Illinois House Speaker, Michael Madigan and efforts in pursuit of funding becoming available through new legislation. A new bill will include 41.5 Billion dollars for infrastructure and schools, which A.E.R.O. intends to vie for.

Dr. Gunnell reported that a recent trip to Springfield had resulted in meeting with 11 local legislators, and informational items left with other offices to ensure that A.E.R.O. is on the radar to be considered for funding. He remarked that next steps will include meeting with Township Trustees and local Mayors in the next weeks and also finishing the video production of a tour of the A.E.R.O. facility.
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Administrative Reports and Recommendations (continued)

Other Matters of Concern/Interest to the Board

Action Items

Governing Board Meeting Schedule For 2019-2020

Dr. Gunnell remarked that the proposed Governing Board meeting schedule for 2019-2020 was included in the board materials. The schedule is based on the practice of being conducted the third Monday of every other month when conducive.

Ms. Saunders proposed changing the beginning time of the meetings to a time earlier such as 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Board members discussed and agreed upon a new start time of 6:30 p.m. for the Governing Board meetings.

Motion

It was moved by Ms. Zofkie, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Governing Board adopt the 2019-2020 Governing Board Meeting schedule as presented with a start time at 6:30 p.m.

Previous Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Election of Officers for 2019-2020

Dr. Gunnell announced that it was time to elect Governing Board Officers for the 2019-2020 school year and asked for nominations.

Election of President: 2019-2020

Ms. Zofkie nominated Ms. Saunders for President of the Governing Board for 2019-20. Mr. Arnold seconded. There were no other nominations.

Ms. Saunders asked for a voice vote on the election of President of the Governing Board for 2019-2020.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All present

Nays: None

Motion Carried. As the result of a unanimous voice vote, Ms. Saunders was elected to serve as President of the A.E.R.O. Governing Board for 2019-2020, assuming office on May 20, 2019.
Other Matters of Concern/Interest to the Board (continued)

Action Items (continued)


Voice Vote:
Ayes: All present
Nays: None

Motion Carried. As the result of a unanimous voice vote, Ms. Zofkie was elected to serve as Vice-President of the A.E.R.O. Governing Board for 2019-2020, assuming office on May 20, 2019.


Voice Vote:
Ayes: All present
Nays: None

Motion Carried. As the result of a unanimous voice vote, Mr. Almendarez was elected to serve as Secretary of the A.E.R.O. Governing Board for 2019-2020, assuming office on July 15, 2019.

Non-Action Items

Spring Events
Dr. Gunnell remarked that a listing of A.E.R.O.’s remaining Spring Events had been included on the Agenda. Dr. Gunnell invited Board Members to attend the remaining graduations for the Early Childhood Program and the 8th Graders at both A.E.R.O. Center and PRIDE.
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**Closed Session**  
It was moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Governing Board go into closed session at 8:12 p.m. under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Cooperative and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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:**  
R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfi, 231

**Nays:**  
None

Motion Carried.

Andrea Mesko, Recording Secretary; Maggie Lesniak, CSBO; Christine Putlak, Assistant Director exited the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and did not return.

All members of the public exited the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**Reconvene Meeting**  
It was moved by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Zofkie to reconvene the meeting from Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

**Voice Ayes:**  
R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfi, 231

**Nays:**  
None

Motion Carried.

Ms. Cindy McSweeney returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**Roll Call Following Closed Session:**

**Present:**  
R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfi, 231

**Absent:**  
R. Almendarez, 109; J. Sears, 110; D. Ponce, 217

**Administrators:**  
James W. Gunnell, Executive Director
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Following Closed Session

Closed Session Minutes
It was moved by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Klimczak that the Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting held on March 18 2019 and that they be closed to the public.

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231
Nays: None
Abstains: T. Arnold, 220
Motion Carried.

Adjournment
It was moved by Ms. Zofkie, seconded by Ms. Garcia that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: R. Garcia, 104; M. Bohac, 108; T Saunders, 111; J. Reising, 122; C. Klimczak, 124; T. Arnold, 220; T. Burke, 229; M. Zokfie, 231
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Andrea Mesko, Recording Secretary

President: Trish Saunders 7-15-19

Secretary Pro-Tem: Mary Zofkie 7-15-19