

Minutes June 7th, 2011 EIAA Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Present

Brenna Malone
Mary Glaser
Pat Sheehan
Ed O Donnell
Denise Edwards

Staff Present

Debby Elvin
Rama Paris
Mark Paris
Kim Paris
Charlie Crane
Karen Ash

Public Present

Allen Mariluch
Deb Power
Kristin

Public comment:

Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Kristin Gaisford

Was invited by staff to participate with some kids on her caseload here at the school. Works with kids under 12 on the autistic spectrum. Mainly works with the social skills with these kids. Needs to have a peer group for the kids that she works with as the kids adapt to her and they need peers their own age. With summer approaching she needs an atmosphere and physical building to bring the kids to a place where they can interact with other kids socially. Was inquiring if she could use the building in exchange for her services to our teacher development. Twice a week two hours a day for six weeks would be what she is asking if we could allow her to use the building for. Mark inquired as to the education of the quote unquote normal kids as to why the other kids who are autistic are the way they are and interact the way they do socially. Kristin responded that some kids understand that these kids are a bit different. She does do some education with some of the peers and how they can interact with the autistic spectrum kids. Mark asked how much of the school would be needed. Kristin stated two bathrooms, the outside yard and Mrs. Crane's room and possibly the multi-purpose room. Angela would be considered the "interventionist" and would be covered through workman's comp. Kristin has her own liability insurance. Rama stated that something would definitely have to be in place because she doesn't believe the school would cover the kids while they were here during the summer. Ed wanted someone to get in touch with Steve to see if he would be ok with us allowing this situation. Mark stated he thought that the fact that Angela would be here and that we do pay rent throughout the summer that we should be ok. Charlie also reiterated that we wouldn't be subleasing for profit.

Charlie Crane said one of the things in his research of successful charter schools is that they have extended their teaching services to parents. He said he sees parents who are looking for skills. Mark said he thought would be a good idea but is not sure how it would be funded.

Approval of May 18th, 2011 minutes.

Mary motioned to approve minutes

Ed seconded

All in favor

Passed

Financial:

Mark Paris

\$473,334.82 in checking account as of June 1st, 2011

Mark stated we will have to do budget transfers for areas where we have gone over budget so that we won't be over on any area. He will prepare a budget transfer for board to review at next board meeting. Agenda item for June 23rd, 2011. Budget transfer for year ending 2011.

Ed asked about the e-rate plan. Debby said we haven't heard anything back yet on that.

Approval of bills:

\$6614.00

\$13,666.42

Mary motioned to approve payment of bills as presented

Ed seconded
All in favor
Passed

Budget approval for 2011-2012 school year

Final budget approval due tomorrow June 8th, 2011.

Mary motioned to approve the budget for 2011-2012

Pat seconded
All in favor
Approved

New Business:

Board Recruitment

Brenna stated that via Tom McCormack that we have to amend our charter in order to move our member number from 7 to 9. She said that we are moving forward with this process. She also asked for ideas in how to recruit board members. She stated that her term is coming to an end in the fall and that Mary is possibly ready to end her term as well, as is Pat Sheehan.

Ed nominated Karen Ash as a possible board member to replace Jacque Sloan. Karen stated that she is interested in serving on the board. This will be an action item for June 23rd, 2011 board meeting.

Brenna stated that she believes having a calendar for the board would be a beneficial asset for the board to have in advance. Rama stated that she also thinks that when we make the amendment we need to make sure that the changing of board members is staggered.

Adjournment:

Mary motioned to adjourn

Pat seconded

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.