

MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice President Stacey Jones.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Janet Kinstetter
Stacey Jones
Christy Stith
Kelli Tavegie

STAFF

Jane Rhoades	Executive Director
Francie Gregory	Business Manager
Jamie Beastron	Family Svc. Coordinator
Sarah Thompson	Preschool/Child Care
Kim Bock	Sp. Ed Coordinator

Jamie presented a video on therapeutic listening for children birth to 3.

AGENDA

Jane added vehicle maintenance and Head Start safety issues

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

February minutes approved via e-mail. (Christy, Kelli, Janet, Stacey)

Weston County School Dist. #7 Board approved donating a bus to the Upton Preschool. The bus would be used to transport children to preschool as needed and field trips. Kelli moved to accept the generous bus offer from School District #7. Janet seconded. Motion carried.

Christy informed the Board that Mark from the bus barn is going to present a request to the Weston County School District #1 Board for the donation of a mini bus to the Children's Center. Board Members were pleased to learn of this possibility as well.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Voucher list for January was given to the Board. #25286 to Plus Optix was questioned. This was for the purchase of vision cameras fully funded by the Behavioral Health Division.

Christy moved to approve the voucher list. Kelli seconded. Motion carried.
The P&L looks good.

REGION III /SPECIAL ED

Kim reported that the screening dates will be as follows: Newcastle, March 6th and 7th, Moorcroft, March 13th, Sundance, March 20th, and Upton, March 27th.

She also reported that several staff will be gone. Nicole, SLP is on maternity leave. Kate, PT will be on maternity leave soon and Alyssa on maternity leave in October. Also, Becky will be off all of next year to finish her ECSE degree. There is concern regarding the affordability of hiring replacements.

Kim informed the Board that the Division is sponsoring a conference this summer, Early Intervention and Education. Region III is planning on sending three staff.

PRESCHOOL/CHILD CARE COORDINATOR

The Preschool and enrollment reports were given to the Board Members for their consideration.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jane reported that the Daniels Fund Grant has been completed and in the MAIL! It will be considered in May.

The Medicaid and insurance report was given to the Board.

Jane informed the Board that we have received a contract and the funds for the Early Childhood Community Partnership Grant

Discussion on revisions to Personnel Policies concerning removing reimbursement for ECSE college courses or SLP's Masters tuitions fees, due to decreased State funding for FY'16.

Kelli moved to approve the change to the Personnel Policies. Christy seconded. Motion carried.

Jane presented FY'16 revenue and expenditure challenges document for the Board's review. Bottom line is that it's certain that our State and Federal revenue will be down \$92,060. As a result, we need to be aggressive in cutting expenditures or securing additional revenue. She asked for ideas from everyone to help achieve a balanced budget.

The Board was informed of the extra maintenance needed on the Trailblazers, estimated at \$1,897. The Board approved getting this maintenance done.

Discussion was held on the Head Start safety items needing done at the Newcastle and Moorcroft Centers. There are many corrective actions that will be costly, but Head Start (Wyoming Child & Family) will provide some financial assistance. The Head Start visit is scheduled for the week of March 9th.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 30th.

There being no further business, Stacey adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sarah Thompson
Preschool/Child Care Coordinator

