

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Children with Disabilities Education Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair David Weber.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair David Weber; Secretary Brian Holt; Supervisors Kathy Ingersoll and Kenneth Monroe. Supervisor Joseph H. Schaefer was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Nancy Russell.

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director of Special Education Tracy Moate; and Human Resources Director Kate Bishop.

On motion by Secretary Holt, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Secretary Holt, second by Supervisor Monroe, the February 17, 2021 Children with Disabilities Education Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

Unfinished Business

7a. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund II Update

Director of Special Education Tracy Moate stated Lakeland School has not received any formal confirmation from the state on allocation of emergency relief funds, but is eligible for the grant. Moate reiterated the focus of the grant is to mitigate learning loss; which can be difficult to determine in Lakeland School students who may not succeed with a paper and pencil test. Moate plans to use the funds to locate assessments that gauge: language acquisition, language loss, conversational activity, as well as academics. Moate stated the goal is to address where the gaps in learning have occurred. Another planned use of the funds is to provide summer school opportunities in the form of enrichment camps for students and mentoring camps for parents. The COVID-19 pandemic has put parents in a position of having to be a collaborative partner in the learning environment. These mentoring camps would teach simple techniques and educational practices, making parents a more active partner in the educational process. Moate believes this a great investment in the short term that will provide long term results; having parents collaborate with the school and within the classroom.

Moate also shared that the American Rescue Plan includes specific funding for the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA.) This may create potential additional revenue streams. The amounts for funding are still to be determined, but preliminary discussions have eluded to the fact that funds received for the ESSER II grant will likely be double for the American Rescue Plan in regards to IDEA funding. With these funds Moate would like to address Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and converting to touchless water bottle fillers for school water fountains.

Discussion then focused on whether the summer programs would be in-person or virtual and if there would be a registration fee. Moate stated they will most likely offer virtual along with in-person options for summer camp. She cautioned not wanting to make summer opportunities only available to families that have the financial means to afford participating. Russell suggested a nominal registration fee to make patrons more inclined to attend after registering. Moate stated traditional summer school is run in that way.

7b. Chapter 15, Article 10, Review CDEB Professional Employees

Moate detailed each edited section of the ordinance noting areas of change. Human Resources Director Kate Bishop spoke specifically regarding the addition of subsection (4) to Section 15-1042 - Outside Experience; noting that the County Administrator has the ability to approve an individual being hired at a higher rate of pay in accordance with Section 15-333 of the County Ordinance. Bishop elaborated that recruiters fill out a form detailing an individual's years of experience and education; comparative to staff already within the organization with similar criteria. This flexibility keeps with a competitive atmosphere, as to not lose a great candidate to a step-one pay rate. Moate proceeded with the remainder of her presentation with some discussion and no rejections. **Secretary Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Ingersoll, to approve the revisions to Chapter 15, Article 10, CDEB Professional Employees and forward to the Human Resources Committee. Motion carried 4-0.**

New Business – There was none.

Reports and Correspondence

9a. CDEB Chair – There was none.

9b. CDEB Director

1. COVID Update & Vaccine Update

Moate shared there have been zero incidents at Lakeland School, requiring quarantine, since December. To date statistics regarding staff vaccination: 21 fully vaccinated; 21 received first dose; five scheduled to receive first dose; and five have decided to forgo vaccination at this time.

2. Emergency Drill

Moate stated Lakeland School will perform a hard lockdown drill the week of May 6. Planning has begun with the onsite deputy to simulate a live event; and practice the piece of a lockdown with an assailant being in the building and/or affecting the operations of the building.

3. Lakeland School Prom – April 30, 2021

Moate stated there will be a "prom-like" day for the students. There are volunteers coming to help the young ladies do their hair, makeup, and nails; and the young men with hair and dress. Prom will be an afternoon event with a social distancing dance in the gym.

4. School Fest – Cancelled

School Fest has been replaced with a golf outing.

5. Special Olympic Update

Lakeland School has athletes participating in track and field along with basketball skills this spring. Swimming continues to be on hold due to the fact that Lakeland School Pool is not open for general participation at this time.

Confirmation of next meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Monroe, second by Secretary Holt, Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.