

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

July 10, 2015
(via webinar)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(Approved August 19, 2015)

1.0 Call to Order

President Jim Heiden called to order the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

2.0 Record of Attendance; Determination of Quorum

Board Secretary Alexander Graham called the roll. A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Jim Heiden
Robin Brewer
Antonis Katsiyannis
Sharon Raimondi
Joni Baldwin
Lauren Delisio
Annette Gaitan
John Hess
Laural Jackson
Debbie Metcalf
Jane Quenneville
Claudia Rinaldi
Anne Sloboda
Scott Sparks
George Van Horn

Directors not present: Jennifer Britton, Yvonne Bui, Jannis Floyd, Ed Schultz, and Phyllis Wolfram

3.0 Adoption of Board Business Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Debbie Metcalf moved to adopt the agenda. Claudia Rinaldi seconded.

Motion carried.

4.0 Consent Agenda

MOTION: Joni Baldwin moved to adopt the consent agenda. Robin Brewer seconded.

Motion carried.

5.0 Alberta Request for Exemption from Minimum Membership Requirement

MOTION: Anne Sloboda moved to exempt Alberta CEC from CEC's minimum state or provincial unit membership requirement of 100 members for the 2015 and 2016 CEC administrative years. Debbie Metcalf seconded.

Motion carried.

6.0 President's Report

President Heiden informed the Board of the passing of Lynne Cook, former chair of the Professional Standards and Practice Committee and widow of Frederick J. Weintraub, one of the authors of Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (PL 94-142), now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

7.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Alex Graham provided the Board with an update on staffing, including anticipated hiring of a controller as well as a manager for a new Education and Professional Standards department. He also provided an update on the lease (no movement) and indicated the Maryland property has not been sold.

8.0 Treasurer's Report / Financial Update

Treasurer Sharon Raimondi and Interim CFO Ruby Aggarwal reviewed the May financials and responded to questions.

Executive Session

By unanimous consent, the board went into executive session at 12:40 pm to discuss legal, personnel or financial matters. The board came out of executive session at 1:05 pm.

9.0 Membership Categories Discussion

Alison Heron, Manager, Membership, Units and Divisions, provided a summary of the performance of the new membership categories after one year. Online discussions will be initiated to gain input from teachers, administrators, and higher education faculty on the perceived value of membership category features to identify opportunities to adjust and enhance the categories. Next steps, based on input from the discussions, will be on the Board's October 31/November 1 meeting agenda.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Building on Local Districts (BOLD) Flexibility in IDEA Act - HR2965

Deb Ziegler Director, Policy and Advocacy, provided the Board with a brief overview of the bill, which introduced on July 8, 2015. HR2965 would amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by allowing school districts to seek exceptions from federal Maintenance of Effort (MoE) spending requirements under IDEA if they are facing serious financial circumstances or attain efficiencies that do not impact the provision of special education services. CEC and The Council of Administrators of Special Education have different positions regarding the bill. CEC does not support any legislation outside of the IDEA reauthorization process; CASE supports a legislative remedy for immediate relief and is currently supporting HR2965.

11.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Without objection, President Heiden adjourned the meeting at 2:17 pm EDT.