



Administrative Offices

Minutes of the SWCCCASE Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

On roll call, the following members were found to be present: Dr. Orzel, Dr. Scarsella, Dr. Roth, Dr. Sala, Dr. Stawick, Dr. Brunson, Dr. Maxwell, Dr. Sikora, and Dr. Nolting (8:01 a.m.). Also present, Mr. Tage Shumway, Business Manager and Ms. Lisa Promis, Assistant Director. Absent: Dr. O'Neil, Dr. Droba, and Dr. Julius D160 Interim Superintendent.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Karyn Kempke, Union President and Dr. Lisa Giglio-Byczek D228 Special Education Administrator.

PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Sala and seconded by Dr. Stawick, upon the recommendation of Dr. O'Neil, that the following items be considered under a consent agenda unless otherwise requested by the Board: the open and closed session meeting minutes of the October 2, 2025 Special Board Meeting, the open and closed session meeting minutes of the September 17, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, Invoices and Payroll, Employment of Educational Support Personnel, Resignation of Professional Personnel, Resignation of Educational Support Personnel, Request for Leave of Absence, Vehicle Purchase, Intergovernmental Agreement - New Lenox School District 122, and School Maintenance Grant

Upon roll call the following voted aye: Dr. Orzel, Dr. Scarsella, Dr. Roth, Dr. Sala, Dr. Stawick, Dr. Brunson, Dr. Maxwell, Dr. Sikora, and Dr. Nolting. Nays none, whereupon the chairperson declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Scarsella and seconded by Dr. Maxwell to enter into a closed session at 8:02 a.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative or legal counsel for the Cooperative, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the Cooperative to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Upon roll call the following voted aye: Dr. Orzel, Dr. Scarsella, Dr. Roth, Dr. Sala, Dr. Stawick, Dr. Brunson, Dr. Maxwell, Dr. Sikora, and Dr. Nolting. Nays none, whereupon the chairperson declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Sala and seconded by Dr. Brunson to return from closed session at 8:52 a.m.

Upon roll call the following voted aye: Dr. Orzel, Dr. Scarsella, Dr. Roth, Dr. Sala, Dr. Stawick, Dr. Brunson, Dr. Maxwell, Dr. Sikora, and Dr. Nolting. Nays none, whereupon the chairperson declared the motion carried.

**REPORT OF
THE BUSINESS
MANAGER**

**STATEMENT OF
POSITION AND
REVENUE**

Mr. Shumway presented the statement of position, revenue, and expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2025.

**REPORT OF
THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

**COOPERATIVE
HIGHLIGHTS**

In Dr. O’Neil’s absence, Ms. Promis shared highlights from various Cooperative programs.

**SWCCCASE
PROGRAM
WAITING LISTS**

In Dr. O’Neil’s absence, Ms. Promis shared that as of October 10, 2025, one first grade student is on a waiting list for the CD program.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education approved open and closed session minutes from the September 17, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting and the open and closed session minutes from the October 2, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
INVOICES AND
PAYROLL**

The Board approved the September/October invoices in the amount of \$1,272,945.09 The September payroll in the amount of \$2,187,841.54 and the and the estimated amount of \$2,500,000 for the October payroll.

**EMPLOYMENT
OF
EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT
PERSONNEL**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Step/Column or Days</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Colangelo,	OT	Itinerant	10/27/2025	8/MA	\$72,541.00

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Griggs, James	Paraeducator	Transition	10/14/2025	1/BA	\$30,739.00
Mahoney, William	Custodian	Bld/Grounds	10/6/2025	5/2nd shift	\$41,842.00
Mensing, Daniel	Paraeducator	CD	9/15/2025	1/License	\$26,835.00
Wieder, Amanda	Paraeducator	MGW	9/22/2025	2/+90	\$29,851.00

RESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Giroux, Laurel	Teacher	MGW	10/14/2025

RESIGNATION OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Simunich, Macy	Paraeducator	Transition	10/17/2025

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Deutmeyer, Marilyn	SLP	MGW	FMLA	9/2/2025-12/3/2025
Greenspan, Amy	Paraeducator	Transition	Intermittent FMLA	9/22/2025-6/1/2026
Mefford, Megan	Teacher	Braun	FMLA	10/27/2025-2/9/2026
Mizelle, Janjira	Paraeducator	MGW	Intermittent FMLA	10/2/2025-6/1/2026
Petry, Ausra	Payroll	Business Office	FMLA	10/31/2025-11/19/2025

