

**PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
PAEC CENTER – 6:00 PM
JUNE 30, 2022
MINUTES**

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Wagner, Vice-President of the Governing Board called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

Also present: Mr. James (PAEC Executive Director), Mrs. Schmitt (PAEC Assistant Executive Director), Dr. Whitaker (PAEC Business Manager), and Mrs. Latham (PAEC Recording Secretary).

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. Payable P-CARD Listing information is attached (Voucher #1305)
- B. Payable Listing- Information is attached (Voucher #1306)
- C. Payable Listing- Information is attached (Voucher #1307)

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Bills as presented. Ms. O’Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Blazer Works (ProCare Therapy)

Blazer Works will assist in advocating services for Proviso Area for Exceptional Children for services for the following specialties from ProCare Therapy.

- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Sign Language Interpreters
- School Psychologists
- School Counselors
- TVI Teacher
- DHH Teachers
- Audiologists
- Special Education Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- BCBA/ABA Therapists
- School RN/LPNs
- ELL/ ESL Teachers
- School Social Workers
- Orientation and Motion Specialist

- Assistant Level Positions for any of the above
- General Education Teachers
- Bilingual Therapists in multiple disciplines

Ms. O’Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Contractual Agreement between Proviso Area for Exceptional Children and Blazer Works (ProCare Therapy) to assist with advocating Services for the above specialties as presented. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

B. Encore Rehabilitation Therapy Services

Amended Contractual Agreement between Encore Rehabilitation Therapy Services and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children beginning June 15, 2022. The contractual rates are as follows:

Returning Therapist:

- Physical Therapist \$74.00 per hour
- Occupational Therapist \$74.00 per hour
- Speech Therapist \$74.00 per hour
- Physical Therapy Assistant \$58.50 per hour
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant \$58.50 per hour

New Therapist:

- Physical Therapist \$71.00 per hour
- Occupational Therapist \$71.00 per hour
- Speech Therapist \$71.00 per hour
- Physical Therapy Assistant \$58.50 per hour
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant \$58.50 per hour

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Amended Contractual Agreement between Encore Rehabilitation Therapy Services and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children beginning June 15, 2022. The contractual rates for returning Therapists \$74.00 per hour and Therapy Assistants \$58.50 per hour, and for New Therapists \$71.00 per hour and Therapy Assistants \$58.50 per hour as presented. Ms. O’Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

C. Progressus Therapy

Contractual Agreement between Progressus Therapy, LLC and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The Contractual Rates are as follows:

- Speech-Language Pathologist \$72.22 per hour
- Occupational Therapist \$72.22 per hour

Ms. O’Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Contractual Agreement between Progressus Therapy and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The Contractual Rates are \$72.22 per hour for both Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapists as presented. Ms. Clark-Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

D. Independent Contractor- Judy Senase (Speech Language Pathologist)

Contractual Agreement between Ms. Judy Senase and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children from August 17, 2022 through June 1, 2023. Ms. Senase will work five hours a day for 2 school days per week totaling 10 hours a week at \$76.50 per hour.

Ms. O’Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Contractual Agreement between Ms. Judy Senase and Proviso Area for Exceptional Children from August 17, 2022 through June 1, 2023 at a rate of \$76.50 per hour for a total of 10 hours a week as presented. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O’Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

E. Foxhire Client Services (CSA)

1. Contractual Agreement for Ms. Samantha Glickman (Speech-Language Pathologist) from Foxhire Client Services (CSA) beginning August 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The regular hourly rate will be \$69.00 per hour and \$103.50 per hour for Overtime. The work hour restrictions are 7 hours per day and 35 hours per week.

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Contractual Agreement from FoxHire Client Services (CSA) for Ms. Samantha Glickman beginning on August 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with a regular hourly rate of \$69.00 per hour and \$103.50 for Overtime as presented. Ms. O'Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

2. Contractual Agreement for Onome Isiorhovoja (School LPN) from FoxHire Client Services (CSA) beginning August 22, 2022 through June 1, 2023. The regular hourly rate will be \$51.50 per hour and \$103.50 per hour for Overtime.

Ms. O'Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Contractual Agreement from FoxHire Client Services (CSA) for Onome Isiorhovoja beginning on August 22, 2022 through June 1, 2023 with a regular hourly rate of \$51.50 per hour and \$103.50 per hour for Overtime as presented. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

F. Union ratification of contract

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Union Contract as discussed in Closed Session. Ms. O'Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

G. Non-Union Administration Increases for Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director.

Ms. O'Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Administration Increases for Executive Director (Michael James) and Assistant Executive Director (Vanessa Schmitt) as discussed in Closed Session. Ms. Clark-Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

H. PLCCA usage of the PAEC Gymnasium

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the emergency uage of PAEC Facilities for the PLCCA Boxing Program as presented. Ms. O'Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

- V. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD**
Congratulations to the Junior Division 1 Soccer Team (PAEC Tigers!) who brought home their gold medals and champion trophy from the Summer Games at the Special Olympics State Tournament! They competed down at ISU and wrapped up their undefeated season in 1st place. **Pictures are attached.**

The next Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Schmitt mentioned that she has spoken with Ms. Debra Vines from Autism Inc regarding an Anti-Bully Grant. She will be presenting at PAEC Academy at the beginning of the year to approximately 15-20 students in middle school for 8-10 weeks in the Fall weekly. Mrs. Schmitt explained that this program will help our students learn how to advocate for themselves if and when they feel the bullying is occurring.

Ms. Clark-Smith mentioned that she spoke with District #88 Board Members regarding the request for a portion of monies being held back for emergencies for PAEC. She said that their Board President was concerned about the services that PAEC provides to our students. Ms. Clark-Smith mentioned that she questioned why students were being sent to other agencies instead of PAEC? She also explained that she was informed by her Special Ed Director that PAEC did not have the teachers to accommodate our students.

Mrs. Schmitt mentioned that the only services that PAEC provides out of the district are for the visually impaired and hearing itinerants. Mr. James mentioned that he did also speak with Dr. Hansen regarding students that are in lieu of expulsion. He stated that he has reached out to the lawyers for guidance on what we can and cannot do.

Mr. James mentioned that PAEC would like to provide as many services as possible to the students of this community in order to keep our students in our community. He stated that if we can keep students in the area and help them to transition and be taught within their own community it would be easier to transition back to their home schools.

Mrs. Schmitt explained that PAEC has a Visually Impaired student at Proviso West. She mentioned that there were meetings and conversations about possibly having the student sent to Addison Trail, however, it was decided that Proviso West would be the best fit. On the flip side, for a student who is hearing impaired, we must look at the services that are needed to make sure that we can accommodate them. Mrs. Schmitt mentioned that for our Autism students, there is no need to send them to out-of-district placements.

Mr. James stated that during the student's IEP meeting, there is a discussion as to what will be the best placement for the student, and our goal is to make PAEC the 1st choice for the membership which has not been happening.

Dr. Whitaker mentioned that PAEC will need to meet with the lawyers to find a threshold of how much monies we can keep. She mentioned that the monies are mostly for facility repairs/updates.

VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. James informed the Governing Board that Ms. Linda Theis thanked the Governing Board for her 34 years of service.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Clark-Smith moved to convene into Closed Session at 6:10 PM, under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), specific individual(s) who serve as an independent contractor(s), specific volunteer(s) of the Board, or legal counsel for the Board and under section 2(c)21 to discuss minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act for the purpose of review, approval or release of minutes as presented. Ms. O'Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

Returned to Open Session at 6:22 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

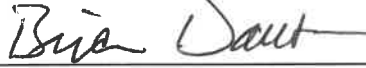
Ms. O'Connell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM for lack of further items to discuss. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Absent
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Present
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Present

4 Ayes, 1 Absent
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Dawson
President of the Governing Board



Dorothy Clark-Smith
Secretary of the Governing Board

7/20/2022

Date

MJ/TL

