

**Eatonville School District
Special Education Advisory Group (SEAG) Meeting
April 10, 2008 – 6:00PM
Eatonville Middle School (EMS) Library
AMENDED**

Call to Order: Interim Chair – School Board Member, Mr. Kirk Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:16PM. Mr. Heinz asked for extended introductions of the members present: Tina Schmitt, Kathy Gillespie, Shannon Powell, Sally Betschart, Steve Collins, Kelly Mainard, Diane Heersink, John Trent, David Jacobson, Ray Arment and Gretchen Sharpe. Community members present were: Tami Samples, Kelli Bacher, Karlene Hayward, Amy Hasenbalg and Janet Gonzalez.

Members absent were: Jerin Hall, Colleen Arthur, April McKinney, Cheyann Joyner, Amie Henry, Renate Bertoia.

Also absent was administrative assistant Marge Powell.

Open Public Meetings Act: Ray Arment, Superintendent, gave an overview of the OPMA. He explained a letter from the Attorney General on how OPMA works on behalf of the public agency to be open to the public and that the advisory board's duties are to study, discuss and deliberate recommendations that may affect a School Districts policy is likely acting on behalf of the School District therefore subject to the OPMA. His opinion is that it should be open to the public.

Announcements: School board decision on the SEAG Chair was that it will not be a school Administrator voted as Chair, everyone else has the opportunity. School board decision on voting was everyone on the committee has the right to vote. Administrators are ex-officio members and will not vote. Addition of a general education student as a member was also approved.

SEAG Chair Selection: Open floor nominations for chair. Steve Collins self-nominated. Kelly Mainard nominated Tina Schmidt. Mrs. Schmidt declined, but offered to be vice-chair, filling in for the absent chair. Mr. Collins was elected chair and Mrs. Schmidt elected vice-chair. Chair and vice-chair were approved. Mr. Collins relieved Mr. Heinz of the chair position.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Sharpe made a motion to amend the minutes to add her and Mrs. Schmidt as attendees on the 3/6/08 meeting. Minutes were amended and approved.

New Business: Process to fill general education parent position was voted and approved to

be the same as the election of the chair. The election nomination included self-nominations and presentations by Amy Hasenbalg and Kelli Bacher. It was voted and approved to present to the school board of directors a reconsideration to have two general education parents on the committee rather than only one. It was voted and approved not to elect the parent education representative and wait until next meeting.

The process to fill the general education student position was approved and that it will be self-nominated; more than one nominee would be selected by their peers. Peer's decision would be a formal recommendation and board will approve and finalize it. It would follow the same process as a special education student representative with Ms. Hayward bringing the information next meeting.

The definition of a quorum was defined as a majority of assigned members. In case of a 50/50 vote, the chair would have the deciding vote.

Members of the SEAG participating in the interviews for prospective new hires was decided and approved that a task force/committee of three people: Kathy Gillespie, Sally Betschart and Gretchen Sharpe. They will get together to meet with HR Cathy Bryant regarding SEAG members sitting in on interviews.

Next meeting was approved to take place in 2 weeks on April, 24 2008 at 4:00pm, location to be determined.

Time and frequency of meetings was motioned and seconded to be moved to unfinished business. Discussion on timed agenda to help keep meetings on track was agreed upon.

Unfinished
Business:

The mission/purpose of the SEAG is defined and approved by the school board, but to consider in future meetings.

Moved to have unfinished business moved to the top of the next meeting after the elections.

Look at survey and research articles; get ideas to address to Janet Gonzalez. Develop a mission statement. Voted and approved to have unfinished business and items still left on the agenda to continue and discuss with nothing further needing to be added to next meeting.

Adjournment:

Chair Steve Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:12PM