



**Curriculum:**

In the process of mapping the Montessori curriculum, 3-12 years, and stocking all of the classrooms with essential materials needed for instruction.

**Professional Development:**

Special Education teachers attended a program at the IU#5. They now have a new contact at the IU#5 who can assist them with IEP development.

**PSSA Testing:**

PTO sponsored a speaker on the PSSA exam.

Laura and Mary thought it was an excellent presentation and that it addressed the audience's questions. Discussed having the presentation for the teachers.

**Grants:**

Applied for a \$10,000 grant for inclusive practices through the PDE

**FINANCIALS: See Reports**

We are getting quotes on security systems. A PDE payment will occur the end of February. The sign will be installed by the end of February. Should receive notification of acceptance of reallocation of implementation grant soon.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Motion to approve payment of bills for the month of January as detailed in the financial report

**Moved by: Laura Mott**

**Seconded by: Gerry Barron**

**Yes: 11**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Executive Committee: Verbal Report**

Discussed the appointment to the board

**Human Resources Committee: No Report****Building and Acquisitions Committee: See Report**

It was decided to pull this committee out of the executive committee. An executive session was held on January 25, 2006 to discuss options available. Members of the committee, Laura Mott and Marty Maly, met with MCHE board members to discuss the current property. An architect, Jeff Kidder, will meet with the teachers on Thursday, 2/9/06 to brainstorm. The next B&A meeting is 2/15/06.

Tom Pendleton discussed the limitations regarding bids. Any job greater than \$10,000 is subject to the bid process. If a job is more than \$25,000 then it is subject to the PA Prevailing Wage Act.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Pendleton discussed that he will be a speaker at the annual Charter School Conference. He will be speaking about special education compliant programs.

A discussion regarding charter renewal ensued. Tom Pendleton stated that by 10/1 of the year the charter ends a letter is sent to the districts notifying them that we wish to renew. At some point they will comment on the renewal. If they are not willing to renew, they will notify the school in writing why not. Then there is a public hearing and the appeal goes to the CAB. The school remains open during this process.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A discussion ensued regarding an Extended School Year (ESY). Lydia met with Mary Desmone, our contracted Supervisor of Special Education Services at the IU#5, regarding the standard in other districts for the ESY. Mary Desmone stated the average was 5-6 weeks, 1-2 hours per week. In order to educate the board regarding ESY regulations, Tom Pendleton stated that he would be willing to give a presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 9:02

**Moved by: Mike Wehrer**

**Seconded by: Gerry Barron**

**Yes: 11**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**NOTE:** Next board meeting March 8, 2006, 7:00pm