

## Superintendent Advisory Board

### Meeting Notes

Monday, October 8, 2012

The Superintendent Advisory group met as scheduled on October 8th at 1:15 PM. All Superintendents were in attendance. Additionally C9 Counsel, Ray Basile was in attendance to assist with the first topic below:

Dr. Hagen offered one item that is on Thursday's agenda for action - proposed changes to the cooperative agreement. He has mentioned this item on a couple previous occasions and is now planning to obtain board approval which will mean approval from each participating school corporation's board. The timing is for changes to go into effect by January. Dr. Hagen noted that the agreement has been changed on two occasions since the original inception: once to change the name from 'vocational-technical' to "Career Center" (in the mid-90's), and once to clean up language about joining/leaving the cooperative during the time Edinburg dropped out of the cooperative (circa 2007). He then explained that the reason which prompted opening up the agreement had to do with C9 board reorganization. With the new laws about all board elections having to take place in November, the C9 board would like to be able to choose to reorganize as soon as possible after each participating school board reorganizes and not have to wait until July as the agreement mandates. Once Dr. Hagen consulted counsel about the modification, he noticed three other topics that he wanted to address. (1) numerous references continued to be made to 'vocational and area vocation center' throughout the document; current emphasis is on "career-technical" and "college and career readiness", so he is proposing to update several phrases throughout, (2) Dr. Hagen is proposing to raise the limit on capital expenditures (p.5 of the agreement) to \$1,000,000 to better reflect the cost inflation that has occurred since the late 60's, early 70's, and (3) Dr. Hagen, C9 counsel, Mr. Wood and Mr. Maschmeyer met to discuss the tuition formula and Dr. Hagen is proposing clarifying language about this formula to reflect more accurately the actual method that has been used to make this calculation; current language is ambiguous.

A couple corrections were offered to clerical matters. Dr. Little asked if a summary could be provided along with the document and Dr. Hagen promised to provide this. The request is for C9 board members to take this topic back to their districts for approval by their boards prior to January. Superintendents were supportive of Dr. Hagen's overview and will help ensure the final, approved document is placed on an upcoming agenda.

In other matters:

Dr. Hagen noted that Safe Halloween has been canceled for this year due to concerns about how to best handle the large crowds adequately and the anxiety over the potential

impact of instructional delivery during the first year of dealing with the various fall break calendars. Typically, he would be asking Superintendents to endorse this activity so we could promote it @ their elementary schools.

Calendars were briefly discussed. Several schools have or will plan to be 'balanced' again for 2013-14, a few are leaning strongly for a modified version between 'balanced' and 'traditional'. Nearly all schools are strongly considering or have approved a day out on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, as well.

Dr. Reichenadter inquired about home school students who wanted to attend C9. The general advice was to have them enroll with the local corporation at least for that portion of the day before endorsing this opportunity. She also asked Dr. Hagen for attendance update for this week of fall break directly to her office. He assured her this would be done.

Dr. Hagen mentioned that Pat Bauer and John Newby from Ivy Tech have been trying to arrange a date to visit. They were expected to be here today, but apparently that arrangement didn't work out. Dr. Hagen will let everyone know if this visit gets re-scheduled.

Several other topics were discussed informally including official and unofficial bargaining timelines, potential and existing compensation models, upcoming and on-going training sessions offered through professional associations and the State, and general operations.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM