

JOINT COMMITTEE Minutes  
Friday December 18, 2009  
1:00 p.m., Room B

Present: Cheryl Goodgine, Carol Hansen, Sid Kardon, Steve Amberg, Marcia Rauschendorfer

1. Amended minutes of November 4, 2009 Joint Committee meeting.
2. Approval of 1 Religious Leave Day
3. All Religious Leave requests for April 2, 2010 have been held for processing until a school calendar is established for the period of time encompassing that particular date.
4. Tabled for the next meeting: Marcia's 2007 Memo regarding Emergency Grant
5. The quality of service being provided through the Early Intervention program (birth-three years) and the cost efficiency of the program were questioned by the ROEA. Special Education Administration provided assurance that the quality of the service is high and well supported by the District and Oakland Schools. The Royal Oak program is working with Oakland Schools as a pilot/model for other Districts in the county. The two Early Intervention teachers are traveling to the State Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) conference to present information to other districts about the Early Intervention program in Royal Oak. ROEA continues to have safety concerns for teachers in the program.
6. Discussion regarding ROHS Special Education MICI caseload. The county plan provides a maximum number of students per caseload. The placement of LD students in a basic classroom was discussed, as these students may be in jeopardy of not being eligible for a high school diploma if placed in a basic classroom for CI peers. Administration will meet with SE staff regarding this issue.
7. The process for Special Education Peer Review was discussed. The forms will be amended to include language that indicates the intent of this process. The discussion will continue at the next Joint Committee meeting.
8. Reminders that the Jury Duty policy will be added to the August "Your Schools" under the Compliance section --and that the ROEA plans to meet with members to remind them of the content of the policy. Board Policy states that if an employee is released from Jury Duty before the end of a workday, the employee is expected to return to work. ROEA takes the position that no employee should be affected by this Board policy until such reminders can be distributed and/or communicated. Administration pointed out that the policy, which is not new, is enclosed with each communication to each employee about serving jury duty.
9. Discussion regarding the manner in which employees sign their email was discussed.