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For Immediate Release

(SIDNEY, OH--) The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 11:30 am in the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities Conference Room.

Superintendent Laura Zureich presented the following information to the Board:

- On January 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center gym was set up with centers to provide an opportunity for parents to come and engage in play with their children. This also provided parents with insight into the daily activities at preschool.
- All Ohio kindergartners attending public schools are assessed at the start of the school year with a tool provided by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) called the KRA-L. The [KRA-L](#) measures skill areas important to becoming a successful reader. It also helps teachers plan for experiences and lessons that encourage reading. Preschool Director Toni Custer provided the KRA-L Scores for those children who are attending kindergarten this year after receiving preschool services provided by the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
- Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center has a total of 266 children attending preschool. One hundred seventy seven children are enrolled on IEP's, 10 children are under assessment, and 79 are typically developing preschoolers. The total enrollment numbers include children attending the Fort Loramie Preschool site operated by Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center, where 12 children are enrolled on IEP'S, 2 are under assessment and 8 as typically developing peers.
- Service and Support Administration staff are writing articles that will spotlight several individuals in the Sidney Daily News in observance of Developmental Disability Awareness month in March.
- Wee School reported that there are currently 35 infants and toddlers enrolled.

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- The Board reviewed salary adjustment options as discussed with the Finance Committee on February 16, 2010. Although three percent is included in the budget, the Board is reviewing salary adjustment options that would be implemented in July and August of this year, as well as the salary schedule, and making a determination regarding maximum salary ranges for long term staff. The Board will make a final decision regarding how to best proceed in regard to all three issues at a later meeting.
- S&H Products reported work including: bottle assemblies for LeRoi, rods for Clopay, assemblies for Everyday, and pole wrap for Kenakore.
- Two contracts/agreements were approved by the Board:
  - An agreement between the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Boards of Education of the seven local school districts, Sidney City School District, and the Shelby County Educational Service Center to clarify the current operational agreement for educational services to preschool age children with disabilities.
  - To Contract with Resources Systems to implement CareTracker, a computerized documentation system which will assist our direct service staff at S&H Products with Medicaid service documentation, which will improve accuracy and tracking of service delivery.
- The Financial Report for the Month of January reflects the new 2010 budget and revenue appropriations. Based on these appropriations, our income over expenses for calendar year 2010 is \$331,228.00. Donations received include: \$1,000.00 from the Crane Fund, Piqua, for Wee School; \$25.00 from Ronald and Scott Rindler.
- The Board reviewed and approved the following updated policies:
  - #4-84 Vacation Leave
  - #5-84 Personal Leave
  - #6-84 Court Leave and Jury Duty
  - #7-84 Military Leave
  - #8-84 Leave of Absence without Pay
  - #10-84 Holiday Leave
  - #37-90 Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace
  - #46-01 Major Unusual Incident and Unusual Incident
  - #54-03 Title XX Eligibility and Reimbursement