REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

June 16th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Patrick Anderson, Pro Tempore Chairperson, at 1:40 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Patrick Anderson	Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Jill Griffin	Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mrs. Keri Lakin, Pro Tempore, Jersey	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Possible Expansion of School Medicaid Reimbursement

Mrs. Lenger provided information from the IAASE Medicaid Committee. Mrs. Lenger stated if the amendment to the Medicaid state plan is approved, additional service providers will be able to bill Medicaid for students eligible for services. Among these are the following service providers within our cooperative and districts: Vision Itinerant services, O&M services, DHH services, BCBA services and School Counselors. If approved, Embrace will provide training for service providers.

Professional Development Plan

Mrs. Lenger provided flyers for the following professional development. Initial PEAK ABA Training, August 5, 2021, Dr. Dixon, IEP Boot camp, August 10, 2021, Kim Hood, Special Education Law (administrators), September 9, 2021, Teri Engler, Roundtable Discussions for Psychologists, Social Workers, SLPs, Nurses on October 8, 2021. Mrs. Lenger stated flyers were also sent to districts.

FINANCIAL

Consideration of Commercial Insurance Proposals
Mrs. Lenger provided a summary from Bushue HR. Mrs. Lenger stated the current property insurance provider, Liberty Mutual, provided a non-renewal notice for all policies that do not meet their minimum premium requirement of $50,000. Bushue recommended shopping for new insurance coverage. Mrs. Lenger stated the attached summary on page 9, in the first column shows insurance coverages. The second column shows current insurance coverages. The third column shows the proposals that are the closest matched to our current coverages. The last column shows the proposal with the most savings in premiums but requires a 3-year commitment and it is a shared pool of coverage. Mrs. Lenger recommended accepting the proposal from EMC Insurance/Star Insurance/Liberty Mutual Surety. This would give a cost savings of over 34% with comparable coverage.

School Maintenance Project Grant
Mrs. Lenger attached the final cost for the updates to the Journeys building through this grant. Mrs. Lenger stated districts will receive a refund for the portion that was not used. Mrs. Lenger informed the board that exterior doors were installed, new handles and locks were installed on interior doors, and a camera monitoring system was installed.

Director's Contract
Mrs. Lenger provided an email that included an email response from Alan Sraga of ECBS, LLC stating that the board will be unable to grant conversion of vacation days to sick days. Mr. Sraga did propose an alternative of awarding sick leave days in proportion of the 9-month contract of teachers or using a tiered system of awarding sick leave based on years of service.

PROGRAMS

Annual report on Behavior Coach Services
Mrs. Lenger provided a summary of behavior coach services.

Annual Report on Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger provided the summary of the incidents of isolation and restraint that occurred this year. Mrs. Lenger stated that she also included the totals from the 2019-2020 school year but the definitions and documentation of isolation and restraint changed therefore this is not an exact comparison of the data. Mrs. Lenger is confident this indicates positive progress with regard to how students' behavior is handled. There is legislation awaiting the Governor's signature that will, again, change the definition of physical restraint and isolation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Student Online Personal Protection Act Agreements
Mrs. Lenger provided the contracts for the systems that are used within Embrace. Mrs. Lenger stated our attorneys recommended changes with the initial contract sent by Embrace and they agreed to all changes.

FY 22 Board Meeting Dates
Mrs. Lenger provided the board meeting dates for next year. Mrs. Lenger stated consideration should be made when changing the date in August because this date lands on the first day of school for several districts. Mrs. Lenger is also requesting a change in March. Bethalto is on spring break the week of March 16. Mrs. Lenger would like to have the board meeting the following week on March 23rd.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Commercial Insurance proposals from EMC Insurance/Star Insurance/Liberty Mutual Surety. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Treasurer's bond from Liberty Mutual. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Data Privacy Agreement, Embrace IEP contract. Dr. John Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. John Pearson made a motion to approve the Data Privacy Agreement, Embrace DS contract. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Data Privacy Agreement, Embrace MTSS contract. Dr. John Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the FY 22 Board Meeting Dates and move the August 18th meeting to August 19th. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Warnecke moved to go into Closed Session at 2:08 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion Carried. Dr. Griffin moved to come out of Closed Session at 2:12 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve Mrs. Lenger's contract. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held in person, Thursday, August 19th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Patrick Anderson, Pro Tempore Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

May 19th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:34 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson arrived 1:38 p.m.	
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke left 1:58 p.m.	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 0 students on quarantine, 0 staff on quarantine, 0 positive student and 0 positive staff members.

Legal Presentation for Administrators

Mrs. Lenger stated she is setting up a legal presentation with Teri Engler for administrators to provide information concerning special education that will include student discipline and 504 plans. The presentation will be held in the evening at the Best Western Premiere on Thursday, September 9th. Mrs. Lenger asked board members what they thought the best time would be for their administrators. Dr. Griffin thought 4:00 or 4:30 would work the best. A flyer will be shared with more details.

Professional Development Plan

Mrs. Lenger provided the 2021-2022 professional development plan for next school year. This plan includes services from Dr. Dixon and Kim Hood. Restore Network will present information about trauma informed care. These PD opportunities are open to district staff.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Pearson moved to go into Closed Session at 1:41 p.m. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion Carried. Dr. Pearson moved to come out of Closed Session at 1:59 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Administrative Contract and Salary
Mrs. Lenger stated that information regarding a salary increase for Rich Ramsay was provided in the board packet. Mr. Ramsay has one year on his contract. Mrs. Lenger also stated that information regarding her contract and salary was provided in the board packet. There were no discussions by board members.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger stated there is no new information on personnel.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger stated program numbers are the same with no addition of students. Journeys last day will be Friday and CLIP program students last day will also be Friday with professional development days next week on Monday and Tuesday for staff.

Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger stated ESY will be in person this year. There are 25 students listed on the ESY list. There will be three classrooms at Bethalto East and a full classroom at EA/WR High school.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided updated service hours provided by Kim Hood and services provided by Dr. Dixon. Mrs. Lenger stated she has been working on a form for Mrs. Hood and Dr. Dixon to fill out next year when visiting classrooms to share with administrators and team members to give consistent feedback so everyone can be on the same page.

Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger provided individual information on isolation and restraint to each district.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys 2021-2022 Calendar
Mrs. Lenger provided a copy of the calendar that was drafted in SIS and a listing of days on the calendar for approval.

Updated Special Education Procedures
Mrs. Lenger stated she received updated Special Education Procedures from the Illinois Council of School Attorneys. Teri Engler is also a member. Mrs. Lenger will meet with the district coordinators on June 1, 2021 to start to review the procedures and hopes to make the necessary changes for presentation to the board by the August board meeting.

Student Data Privacy Agreement-SOPPA
Mrs. Lenger stated she is working with Embrace on an agreement along with our attorneys to make sure we are including all our requirements needed and to make sure it lines up with the IEP agreement.

TMC Information-IDEA Grant
Mrs. Lenger stated the TMC meeting was held earlier this month but the new updated proportionate share numbers are not available yet. This information will need to be put into the districts IDEA grant application. If Chris does your grant, Chris will put that information into the grant for you, otherwise you would need to enter the TMC information in your grant.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve Mrs. Lenger's new (3) three-year contract with a salary freeze. Unused vacations days will be converted to sick days with board approval to be determined annually. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Dr. Griffin stated she wanted Messina to know this had nothing to do with her performance but more the volatility of the cooperative. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Pearson made a motion not to renew Rich Ramsay's contract and to freeze pay for next year. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Dr. Pearson stated this had nothing to do with Mr. Ramsay's performance but more to do with the uncertainty of the Journeys School. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. John Pearson made a motion to approve the 21-22 Journeys Calendar. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held in person, Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

April 21st, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson arrived 2:05 p.m.	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hacke moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 0 students on quarantine, 0 staff on quarantine, 0 positive student and 0 positive staff members. Mrs. Lenger asked if districts were currently testing students at school or were considering COVID testing next year. Mrs. Warnecke stated that she tried to submit the application this year but could not find a doctor to provide the needed support. Dr. Griffin stated she was testing in Bethalto.

GRADUATES, JOURNEYS SCHOOL

Mrs. Lenger stated there are two students from Southwestern School District that will graduate from the Journeys program on May 10th, 2021. The graduation ceremony will be held that day. This brings the graduation total to five students this year and 38 graduates overall since the program started. Next year will mark the 10th year of this successful program.

FINANCIAL

ESSER II FUND

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she completed the grant application for the ESSER grant. Region will receive $2,092.00. This money will be used

to purchase additional Chromebook and licenses and recoup the cost of sanitizing equipment and supplies that were purchased this summer.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, WOOD RIVER HARTFORD DISTRICT 15

Mrs. Lenger provided a copy of the agreement with Wood River Hartford District 15 to board members. Mrs. Lenger stated one of our first year teachers, Allison Kesler, will staff a classroom at Lewis and Clark Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year. We will charge the district the cost of the teacher's salary and benefits minus the state reimbursement.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SALARY

Mrs. Lenger provided board members a document showing salary increases for the administrative secretary and bookkeeper. Mrs. Lenger stated in the past, increases have been the same as the increase in the collective bargaining agreement. Mrs. Lenger spoke to other cooperatives and it was consistent that they typically followed their bargaining agreement rates for administrative staff. Mrs. Lenger provided a salary comparison of other districts that Bushue HR service provided for the bookkeeper and unit secretary positions.

Director's Compensation and Contract, Discussion

Mrs. Lenger stated she included more information on her contract and the principal position at Journeys. There were no questions or comments at this time.

PERSONNEL

Paraprofessional Position, Journeys

Mrs. Lenger stated she does have a paraprofessional opening at Journeys School. So far there has been only one applicant.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

Extended School Year

Mrs. Lenger stated there are 23 students that will attend ESY from June 21-July 23. There are two high school students who will start in the high school summer school program June 1st through July 23rd. Mrs. Lenger stated she will get the schedule sent out to the districts transportation directors soon.

Behavior Coach

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of services that were provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's services through the current month. Mrs. Lenger stated Dr. Dixon will provide a PEAK initial training the first week of August but does not have an exact date yet. District Coordinators are aware of the training.

Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger provided individual information on isolation and restraint to each district. Mrs. Lenger stated she will be providing additional training for Region staff on how to document forms for isolation and restraint in East Alton and WR/Hartford districts on Monday for their district's professional development day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys 2021-2022 Calendar
Mrs. Lenger stated she has been trying to find information on creating the public calendar for Journeys. She spoke to the ROE and feels she has the information needed. She will add two full professional development days so all staff can be together for trainings in East Alton and WR/Hartford districts. Mrs. Lenger emailed the calendar to board members for their review for approval at the next board meeting.

Reporting Attendance in SIS
Mrs. Lenger stated a couple years ago she had conversations with districts regarding students course assignments and attendance. The districts were supposed to be entering attendance in SIS. Some districts were and some were not so Region will take care of entering the students within our programs for this full year. Region will also enter students in private facilities if the facilities forward the attendance to be uploaded to SIS.

Related Service Eligibility
Mrs. Lenger stated she is working with our related service personnel to improve eligibility criteria specifically occupational therapy and physical therapy due to an increase number of students to make sure they are consistent on how they make students eligible.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wood River Hartford District 15. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Dr. Anderson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Administrative salary increase of 2.50% + 200 dollars. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper salary increase of 2.50% + 200 dollars. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

March 17th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Pearson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 3 students on quarantine, 2 staff on quarantine, 1 positive student and 0 positive staff members.

STATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULED

Mrs. Lenger provided the state assessment dates that have been schedule for the various assessments that will occur in April.

SB 0517 IAASE INITIATIVE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the IAASE initiative bill that addresses the inequity of reimbursement for high cost students that are placed in public school settings versus private placements. Mrs. Lenger will keep board informed of the updates as the legislation moves forward.

Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meeting
Mrs. Lenger informed the board the annual Timely and Meaningful Consultation meeting is scheduled for May 7th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the Region III office building with remote option for attendance.

CLOSSED SESSION

Mr. Hacke moved to go into Closed Session at 1:39 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion Carried. Mr. Hacke moved to come out of Closed Session at 1:49 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger stated she will send further information regarding Administrative Staff Salaries and Director's Compensation and Contract.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger acknowledge the resignation of Laura Kimbro, paraprofessional Journeys School. Mrs. Lenger stated this position will need to be filled.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger stated there are currently 22 students on the ESY list, 4 teachers and 4 paraprofessionals.

2021-2022 School Year
Mrs. Lenger provided an early estimate of classrooms and what the beginning tuition cost would look like. There are 17 students in the CLIP program with 4 classrooms next school year. There will be 18 students in the Journeys program with 4 classrooms to start the year. Tuition costs are estimated at $26,684 for CLIP and $27,957 for Journeys.

Behavior Coach

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and services that were provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's services through the current month.

Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger provided individual information on isolation and restraint to each district by email.

BOARD POLICIES

Policy Updates-Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger provided board members with the second reading of board policies on 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment, 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 3:40 Director, 4:80 Accounting and Audit, 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Fund, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:100 Staff Development Program, 5:50 Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:220 Substitute Teachers, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves, 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day, 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program, 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:140 Search and Seizure, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics, 2:265 Title IX sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure. Mrs. Lenger informed board members there was a correction on 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves. It should have stated 13 sick days instead of 10 days.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Update
Mrs. Lenger stated she had a brief discussion with Mr. Hunt from Crossroads Church and will be contacting him after the board meeting regarding the cost of utilities and some suggestions his team has come up with. Mr. Hacke brought up a concern when the weather was severe how would we handle the increased cost

and stated we should be cautious putting language in the contract were we would take over payment after reaching a certain threshold amount. Mr. Pearson suggested a requirement to sit down and negotiate if there was a big spike over the agreed threshold.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to table administrative staff salaries. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to table Director's Compensation and Contract. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Pearson made a motion to approve authorization to prepare Budget for FY22. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve board policies. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Warnecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. Mr. Hacke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

February 17th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:37 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hacke moved to approve the Consent Agenda, bills as presented, and to keep Executive Session minute from July 2020-December 2020 closed. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 0 students on quarantine, 2 staff on quarantine, and 0 positive staff members.

New Website

Mrs. Lenger stated she launched a new website and continues to add new information and improvements with information that is useful to parents and staff.

PERSONNEL

Seniority List

Mrs. Lenger provided the seniority list to board members, staff and union.

Reduction in Force Information
Mrs. Lenger informed the board for FY 22 there will be 4 classrooms in the Journeys program to start the year. This would leave space for 6 additional students. Mrs. Lenger stated there is a possibility of going down to 3 classrooms, student numbers are still changing and she will make a decision by next board meeting. Mrs. Lenger informed the board the CLIP program will need 3 classrooms, 7 students in elementary class, 4 students in middle school class and 3 students in high school class. This will mean a decrease in the Journeys programs by 1 class and CLIP programs by 1 class. Mrs. Lenger stated there will also be a decrease in 1 paraprofessional position. Mrs. Warnecke inquired if Mrs. Lenger will need to adjust the current East Alton District lease by one classroom. Mrs. Lenger stated she will send a letter to adjust the current lease by March 1st if needed.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

Behavior Coach
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and support that was provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's services through the current month.

Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger stated she will send information after board meeting. Mrs. Lenger stated numbers are down.

BOARD POLICIES

First Reading of Board Policies
Mrs. Lenger provided board members with the first reading of board policies 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment, 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 3:40 Director, 4:80 Accounting and Audit, 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Fund, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority

Recruitment, 5:100 Staff Development Program, 5:50 Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:220 Substitute Teachers, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves, 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day, 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program, 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:140 Search and Seizure, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics, 2:265 Title IX sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure.

Second and Final Reading of Board Policies
Mrs. Lenger provided board members with the second and final reading of board policies 2:125 Executive Board Member Compensation; Expenses, 2:160 Cooperative Attorney, 2:220 Board Meeting Procedure, 5:150 Personnel Records, 5:280 Educational Support Personnel: Duties and Qualifications, 5:60 General Personnel: Expenses, 7:190 Student Behavior, 7:340 Student Records, 7:70 Attendance and Truancy, 7:90 Release During School Hours, 8:10 Connection with the Community.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION

Mr. Tuttle stated he emailed board members Mrs. Lenger's evaluation and asked the board members if they wanted to go into closed session to discuss her evaluation. Board members declined to go into closed session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Update
Mrs. Lenger stated she continues to have discussions with Crossroads Church. The church has asked to include a statement in the lease indicating a limit on the utility costs that will be included in the yearly rent. Mrs. Lenger stated she asked the church to let her know when that amount is determined, and shared the utility costs of the building when it still functioned as a school to help them determine that amount. Mrs. Lenger stated things are moving slowly with Crossroads. Currently, Region has a 2-year lease agreement with Jersey and will not have to be out of the building next year.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the 2nd and final board policy updates. Dr. Pearson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

February 4th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board meeting was called to order through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:35 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Mrs. Lenger presented the Financial Impact for Region III with possible withdrawal of Jersey District. Mrs. Lenger discussed administrative fees, tuition cost for CLIP and Journeys programs, staff numbers, and how she would make adjustments to the budget to help offset costs. Mrs. Lenger discussed decreasing 3 certified staff, 2 non certified staff, reallocating Dr. Dixon's fees out of the tuition costs, and cutting supply costs in half for FY22. Mrs. Lenger presented what the administrative fee and tuition would look like without any adjustments if Jersey withdrew. Mrs. Lenger proposed eliminating the principal position at Journeys school, decreasing 1 certified position, 1 non certified position, 1.5 COTA positions and a PTA position by .5. Mrs. Lenger stated that the speech language pathologist would be retiring next year. Mrs. Lenger stated she would try and replace her with a recent graduate that would start on step one of the pay schedule which would save $37,000.00. Dr. Pearson asked if the principal position was eliminated, would Mrs. Lenger take over as principal. Mrs. Lenger stated she would if programs had low student numbers at Journeys.

Mr. Tuttle asked Mrs. Lenger if she had received the letter that he cc'd to the board members. Mrs. Lenger stated she had received it. Mr. Tuttle stated he would probably ask Mrs. Lenger to include on the February Agenda. Mrs. Warnecke stated she wanted to clarify that this was not the withdraw letter that was expected. She stated that we are already 17 months out and by next month it will be 16 months out without receiving a formal withdraw letter. The Articles of Joint Agreement indicate an 18-month timeline for withdrawal. Mr. Tuttle stated he thought the board understood what the expectation was when he sent the letter. Mr. Tuttle said he would go ahead with the process to submit for the following year. Mrs. Lenger stated there is certain information outlined in the Articles of the Joint Agreement that need to be submitted for a formal proposal including the reasons for withdrawal and financial implications for all the remaining districts. The board members stated that information was not submitted in the letter they received. Mr. Tuttle stated he would have the letter for the February meeting. Mr. Pearson stated that from his memory when South Macoupin and Roxana withdrew, they were held to the same 18-month time line.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the next Regular Board Meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

January 20th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Patrick Anderson	Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. John Pearson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. Lenger introduced Donna Hoggatt, CPA from Dennis Rose and Associates to discuss FY20 Audit.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hoggatt from Dennis Rose & Associates, P.C., presented the audit report for FY20. Mrs. Hoggatt stated there was a clean opinion for the Region III financial records. She also stated that the financial reports were in good condition and there were no problems with internal procedures. Mrs. Lenger thanked Mrs. Hoggatt for coming.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 5 students on quarantine, 5 staff on quarantine, and 2 positive staff members.

Mrs. Lenger stated a remote plan has been set up for staff and students.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Pearson moved to go into Closed Session at 1:44 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Mrs. Warnecke moved to come out of Closed Session at 2:12 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on tuition costs. CLIP cost at the beginning of the year was $39,834.01 and is now $38,218.10. Journeys beginning of the year cost was $32,199.70 and is now $30,125.00.

PERSONNEL

Non-Precedent Agreement
Mr. Lenger informed the board that Laura Kimbro, paraprofessional, requested that Region III acknowledge her years of service during her first term of employment with Region III between 2005-2009. She was released due to a reduction in force and was not called back in the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Kimbro later returned to Region III in 2015 and has requested to move on the salary schedule from Step 5 to Step 9.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program. The number of students in Region III programs have significantly decreased.

Behavior Coach
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and support that was provided to the districts. Mrs. Hood has been quarantined twice due to close contact in the classroom. Mrs. Hood continues to support staff through virtual meetings, emails and phone calls.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's behavior activities through the year.

PROGRAMS FY 22 DISCUSSIONS

Mrs. Lenger stated she had discussion with the coordinators about the possibility of districts using Region III teachers in district programs, in order to decrease cost of tuition for next year and retain experienced and highly qualified personnel. Mrs. Lenger discussed with the coordinators the possibility of districts using Region III teachers in district low incidence programs. The need for more behavior support and support with PEAK programming in district classrooms was discussed at the recent coordinators meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Update
Mrs. Lenger stated ROE 40 Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Chad Hoesman, walked through the Journeys building and Crossroads Church to provide information regarding updates that would be needed to pass an ROE inspection. Mrs. Lenger provided a list of needs and estimates of the updates. Mrs. Lenger stated Mr. Hoesman would be willing to come to a board meeting to discuss this information.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

Mrs. Lenger provided an attachment for specific changes in board policy language on 2:125 Executive Board Member Compensation; Expenses, 2:160 Cooperative Attorney, 2:220 Board Meeting Procedure; 5:150 Personnel Records, 5:280 Educational Support Personnel: Duties and Qualifications, 5:60 General Personnel: Expenses, 7:190 Student Behavior, 7:340 Student Records, 7:70 Attendance and Truancy, 7:90 Release During School Hours, 8:10 Connection with the Community

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the FY20 Auditors report. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Non-Precedent Agreement. Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

December 16th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was attended remotely and called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin, Bethalto	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pearson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

December Graduates
Mrs. Lenger stated there were 3 graduates from the Journeys program. Two students from EAWR and one Jersey student.

Calendar Changes
Mrs. Lenger stated calendar changes were communicated to families and to transportation directors along with the district coordinators.

COVID 19 Update
Mrs. Lenger informed the board there have been 2 students quarantined, 0 positive students, 2 staff members quarantined, and 2 positive staff members.

PERSONNEL

FMLA Request
Mrs. Lenger informed the board Kristy Duckels, Vision Itinerant teacher requested FMLA for 4 weeks due to an injury.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

Behavior Coach
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and support that was provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's behavior activities through the year. Mrs. Lenger informed the board Dr. Dixon continues to assist with getting a student to return to school.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Update
Mrs. Lenger provided a spreadsheet to board members showing properties that were visited and areas of need and concern. Mrs. Lenger discussed these needs and will continue to seek other buildings as possible prospects.

Isolation and Restraint
Mrs. Lenger provided a handout to each district regarding their students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Yes-6, No-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, January 20th, 2021, 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 18th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was attended remotely and called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:33 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Jennifer Weber, Pro Tempore, Bethalto	Dr. Patrick Anderson
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson arrived 1:35 p.m.	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hacke moved to approve the Consent Agenda and bills as presented. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Coordinator's Meeting

Mrs. Lenger stated Barbara Moore, State Director of Special Education meet with her and the district coordinators to gain information on SPP indicators and considerations to help make improvements to the process.

COVID 19 Update

Mrs. Lenger informed the board the number of positive staff and students. To date there have been 1 positive staff member requiring the students to be on quarantine for 14 days and 1 student within the Region classrooms. There are currently 5 staff members out on quarantine. Mrs. Lenger stated her biggest concern is the struggle to get students back to school after being out for various reasons due to COVID.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Update
Mrs. Lenger stated she has reached out to a local real estate agent to see what is available in the area for the Journeys program. Mrs. Lenger informed the board she will be looking at a building tomorrow.

Isolation and Restraint Report
Mrs. Lenger stated isolation and restraint reports were sent out to each district separately.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Yes-5, No-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, December 16th, 2020, 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

October 21ST, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Patrick Anderson, Pro Tempore Chairperson, at 1:31 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin left 1:56 p.m.	Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson arrived 1:35 p.m.	
Mr. Kyle Hacke	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and bills as presented. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Warnecke moved to go into Closed Session at 1:35 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0. Motion carried. Dr. Griffin moved to come out of Closed Session at 1:55 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 4-0. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Professional Development

Mrs. Lenger stated Teri Engler, attorney of law, presented to staff by Zoom on September 25th. Sixteen administrators attended in the morning session and seventy-five staff members attended in the afternoon session.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board Barbra Moore, Director of Special Education from ISBE will be at the Coordinator's meeting November 6th to discuss LEA determination and special education indicators.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

CARES Provider Relief Fund

Mrs. Lenger informed the board $1,900 dollars was received from the CARES Providers Relief fund for Medicaid money that was lost due to COVID-19. These funds were applied to the OT/PT supply budget to purchase supplies so students would not need to share items during therapy.

Tuition

Mrs. Lenger stated adjustments were made to the CLIP tuition bill due to paraprofessionals leaving and billing out some of Tammy Pickerill's salary to other districts for speech services. The bill is reduced to $35,500.00.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger recognized Hillory Kimbro, paraprofessional, Journeys, resigned effective Oct 8th, 2020 to pursue training in phlebotomy.

Mrs. Lenger recognized Ann Seibold, paraprofessional, Journeys, resigned effective October 23rd, 2020. She accepted a position at the Oasis Women's Center.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board Madison Duke, paraprofessional, Journeys, is requesting six-twelve weeks of maternity leave. Ms. Duke will exhaust her sick leave first.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

Behavior Coach

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and support that was provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist
Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's behavior activities through the year. Most of the trainings were done remotely and by TelePeak which is the PEAK program that can be accessed online by teachers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Priority List
Mrs. Lenger provided the board a priority list for the Journeys school building.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the FMLA for Madison Duke. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, November 18th, 2020, 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Patrick Anderson, Pro Tempore Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson at 3:00 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Griffin, Bethalto #8	Mr. Kyle Hacke, SW #9
Mr. Beierman, Bethalto #8	Ms. Joan Mudge, EA Dist. #13
Ms. Warnecke, East Alton #13	
Dr. Pearson, EA/WR HS #14	
Mr. Tuttle, Jersey #100	
Ms. Perdun, Jersey #10	
Ms. Loy, Southwestern #9	
Dr. Anderson, WR-Hartford #15	
Ms. Harding, WR-Hartford #15	

MINUTES/ACTIONS

Ms. Harding moved to approve the August 2020 to June 2021 minutes and past actions of the Region III Special Education Executive Board as presented. Ms. Perdun seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

FY 21 BUDGET

Mrs. Lenger presented the 2020-2021 Region III Special Education Budget. Mrs. Lenger explained in detail the three parts of the Budget: Administrative fee, Tuition and IDEA Inservice. Mr. Beierman moved to approve the budget as presented. Ms. Harding seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Beierman moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Ms. Perdun seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Yes-4-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Governing Board will be held September 2021.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. Jill Griffin	Mr. Hacke
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	
Dr. John Pearson	
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	

VISITORS

No visitors were present.

FINANCIAL

Ms. Lenger presented the FY 2021 Region III Special Education Budget.

There were no public present. There were no questions or comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 16th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:34 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present	Not Present
Dr. John Pearson	Mr. Kyle Hacke
Mr. Brad Tuttle	
Dr. Patrick Anderson	
Dr. Jill Griffin	
Mrs. Emily Warnecke	

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Teri Engler, Attorney

Mrs. Lenger informed the board Teri Engler will present information regarding remote instruction and special education considerations on September 25th, 2020. Mrs. Engler will spend an hour at 9:00 a.m. with district coordinators in the morning and will meet with district staff to provide legal updates in the afternoon from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Coordinator's Meeting Presentations

Mrs. Lenger informed the board a representative from Social Security will join the coordinators for a question and answer session. Ms. Komnick is a disability claims adjudicator with the state of Illinois to give parents information on the procedures to apply for social security.

FINANCIAL

FY 21 Budget, Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger presented the Region III Special Education Cooperative 2020-2021 Budget. Mrs. Lenger explained that there are three parts to the budget, Region III Tuition Programs, Administrative Fee and IDEA professional development that is received from the districts. IDEA funds no longer flow through Region III, they are now received directly to the district.

Mrs. Lenger discussed with Board members ways to keep tuition cost down.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the resignation of Kelly Wheat, Journeys program teacher.

Mrs. Lenger stated Alyssa Montano, paraprofessional from the Journeys program has been assigned to help the Jersey 100 ECE program for 2 hours a day, 4 days a week.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a list of the current Region programs and student count in each program.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys Building Priority List
Mrs. Lenger provided a handout of the Journeys building priority list that shows what items have been completed so far and some additional items to discuss next month.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the FY21 Budget. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the Governing Board Meeting will be held, Wednesday, September 16th, 2020, at 3:00 p.m remotely.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Heffner

Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

August 26th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson, at 1:30 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Griffin

Mrs. Warnecke

Dr. Pearson

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Hacke

Dr. Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hacke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISTIORS

No visitors present

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger recognized Sharon Rothe for donating masks for HI students and Kelly Smith for donating cloth masks for staff.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger presented the Administrative Outreach Report. Mrs. Lenger explained it includes information regarding the revenue that is generated by administrative activities during the time studies.

Mrs. Lenger presented the Jersey 100 lease agreement noting the term of the agreement changed to July 1st, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 and the rent increased to $20,000 annually. Discussion and negotiations on long term use of the building shall begin by October 1st, 2020.

Mrs. Lenger presented the 2020-21 Region III Special Education Cooperative Budget. Mrs. Lenger explained that there are three parts to the budget; Tuition, Administration and IDEA Money which is for Professional development. This amount consists of 2% of the district's IDEA money.

Mrs. Lenger explained there is a 3% decrease in the Region III FY 21 budget overall compared to the FY 20 budget.

Mrs. Lenger provided a handout on comparing the initial and final billing for tuition over the past 3 years. Mrs. Lenger explained there is a significant increase in the initial billing for FY21. This increase is due to students receiving services remotely through their home districts. Superintendents suggested loaning out Region staff to their districts to offset costs.

PERSONNEL

Board recognized the resignation of Victoria Beachum, paraprofessional in the CLIP program.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger stated the current enrollment in CLIP is 14. There are 4 classrooms, 4 teachers, 5 paraprofessionals. Current enrollment at Journeys is 17. There are 5 classrooms, 5 teachers, and 5 paraprofessionals.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger presented the second reading of the Region III Cooperative Policy manual. Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a draft of the Press Policy Manual.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board the state no longer wants isolation and restraint data sent in. Districts will now enter this data through SIS on the student enrollment page. Districts should identify who will be responsible for entering this data in SIS. Mrs. Lenger stated she will enter the data for students enrolled in the Region programs. Mrs. Lenger will also notify all public facilities with current contracts to ensure they understand their responsibility to enter the information in SIS.

Mrs. Lenger provided a copy of the revised board meeting dates. Mrs. Lenger stated the day of the week was incorrect on the previous handout.

Mrs. Lenger discussed options for the Governing board meeting. Mr. Tuttle stated it should be held remotely. Superintendents will check with their board members to see what time would work best for them, possibly right after the Executive Board Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Jersey 100 lease agreement. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting Ayes-6, Nay-0.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the FMLA leave for Sara Blair, Kim Hood and approve of Maria Day's retirement. Mrs. Warnecke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Ayes-6, Nay-0.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Region III Policy Manual. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Ayes-6, Nay-0.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Administrator and Teachers Salary Benefit Report. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Ayes-6, Nay-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Motion carried with Members voting Aye-6, Nay-0.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held Wednesday, September 16th, 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina L. Heffner

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson