

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE****EXECUTIVE MEETING****January 17, 2024****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson at 10:05am. Roll was as follows:

**Present:** Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Monty Aldrich, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Pat Anderson

**Not in attendance:** Mr. Todd Dugan

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** No visitors attended the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she deleted action item 7.2 Approve Employment of COTA, FTE 0.6 because the candidate declined the position because she would have to take a cut in pay.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda including the regular board minutes and monthly bills. Mr. Monty Aldrich seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the Treasurer's Bond with an effective date of February 16, 2024. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the closed board meeting minutes from July 2023-December 2023 stay closed. Mr. Monty Aldrich seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Mr. Monty Aldrich moved to approve Klaudia Taul's, paraprofessional, FMLA request for maternity leave beginning March 15, 2024 through the remainder of the school year. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board an email she received from the coordinator at Hillsboro school district recognizing Kristy Duckels. Kristy evaluated one of their students and provided the IEP team with information which the family shared with the student's doctor. This student was originally told he was not going to be able to drive, but because of Kristy's insight and knowledge of state laws, he will be able to receive his drivers license.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board the CPI Tidbits Newsletter to share with their staff members.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Financial**

Mrs. Lenger provided the budget update. The percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget is reported.

**Personnel**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she moved one of the paraprofessionals at Lewis and Clark Jr. High to Allie Kesler's classroom in the Lewis and Clark Elementary building. She stated she placed one student in that classroom, however, that student was only with us for 8 days. She also stated that a Wood River student who was planning to be placed in the same classroom is making progress in his current classroom and will not need our services. She informed the board that she plans to keep the paraprofessional in the elementary classroom and will move staff as needed.

She stated that she has called a new candidate for the COTA position and is awaiting a response.

**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided an enrollment update. She mentioned that there are currently a total of 46 students between all the programs. She stated we have lost a few students due to them moving out of the district. She stated she is starting to look at the needs for next school year. She has been discussing a transition classroom at the high school with Rob and Emily. Dr. Griffin asked Mrs. Lenger how many students she has in the 18-22 age range for the transition classroom. Mrs. Lenger stated she will have 4 new students and the 2 students currently placed at Bethalto University. She mentioned the 2 students placed at Bethalto University have one more year in the transition program. Mrs. Lenger stated she would be discussing with districts their ideas on placement for next school year. Dr. Griffin offered Bethalto University for one of the two students currently placed there for next year too.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT****Press Policy Update Issue 113, Second Reading**

Mrs. Lenger wanted to note that policy 4.10 regarding the adoption of a levy, was removed by Press because it doesn't pertain to the cooperative. She mentioned on Policy 5.250 we will be noting that we have less than 50 employees so the subhead regarding the child extended bereavement leave will be deleted. She is also recommending the default language for Policy 6.230 on the Library Media Program. On Policy 7.190 on student behavior, Mrs. Lenger is recommending the default language answer to question one, which would expand the notification duty to include drug-related incidents and battery of a staff member. Mrs. Lenger stated she has left some of the policies in place in case there is a need in the future at our Journeys program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:19am. Mr. Monty Aldrich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson