

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE****EXECUTIVE MEETING****September 18, 2024****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson at 5:10 pm. Roll Call was as follows:

**Present:** Dr. Jill Griffin(arrived at 5:21 pm), Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson

**Not in attendance:**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** Mrs. Donna Loy, Southwestern Board Member

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she will provide Parent Training/Support Events throughout the school year. The first event will be held at Lewis and Clark Elementary School on October 15, 2024, focusing on Toilet Training Children with Disabilities. She stated it would be open to all interested families in our cooperating districts. She plans to provide babysitting. Mrs. Lenger mentioned they are working on having an Art Gallery and Pictures with Santa in December, a training on Using Positive Reinforcement at Home in February, and an Informational Mixer for Parents on Community Events and Activities in April.

Mrs. Lenger shared the CPI Tidbits newsletter with the board. She mentioned that the group of individuals who created the tidbits disbanded, but she will continue sharing the tidbits from the past year.

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the Journey to Success Program. The students are shopping on Mondays for supplies they need for the week. She stated that the students are volunteering at the Salvation Army on Tuesdays where they stock and organize food and hygiene items, provide light cleaning in the gym and food service area, and help clients with grocery pick up. She also mentioned Gloria, from the Salvation Army, is providing the students with feedback on how they are doing and ways they can do things more efficiently, which is a great life skills lesson. On Fridays, they are cooking in their classroom or the big kitchen at the church. Mr. Miller asked how many students were in the program and how things were going. Mrs. Lenger informed the board there are currently 3 students and everything is going great. She said the teacher just made contact with a representative from Impact, which is an organization that has a job skills program that will come into the schools and provide training.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the programs. She stated there are currently 49 students within all the programs with students moving in and out. She also stated districts are reevaluating students and moving them back to the district. She mentioned there are currently 2 referrals.

**Personnel**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that we are completely staffed. She mentioned that the social worker, Ashley Weant, whom we share with Bunker Hill has been working hard to fulfill the needs of our students and their families. She provides direct services to 20 students every week. On Tuesdays, she oversees the students who volunteer in the kitchen for the luncheon provided by the church for people in our community.

**FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT****Press Policy Update: Second Reading**

2:125 Governing & Executive Board Member Compensation; Expenses

2:160 Cooperative Attorney

4:15 Identity Protection

4:70 Resource Conservation

4:80 Accounting and Audits

5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information

5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions

6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation

Incentives Program

7:170 Vandalism

**FY 25 Budget, 2nd Reading**

Mrs. Lenger shared the budget with the board for the second reading.

**RBT Training Program**

Mrs. Lenger stated that Genevieve, BCBA, has met with some of the districts to explain the program and will be meeting with the others soon. She stated all districts have submitted names of paraprofessionals who will be going through the training program. Mrs. Lenger stated that BUSHUE informed her to discuss payment options with their attorneys. The breakdown of the cost for the RBT training program is \$87 for the 40 hours of training, \$50 to register, and \$45 for the test.

**Maintenance Grant FY25**

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that the FY25 maintenance grant is now open. She stated she is accepting bids on repainting the office, resurfacing and repair work to the parking lot, carpet cleaning, and having 3 doors at Journeys rekeyed.

**CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Rob Miller moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the closed board meeting minutes from January 2024 to June 2024 stay closed. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve Press Policy 115 as presented. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Mrs. Nancy Werden moved to approve the employment of Matthew Atwood, COTA at .8 FTE. Mr. Rob Miller seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to approve the Journeys E-Learning Plan for FY25-FY27. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Region III FY25 Budget. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 , at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson