

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****October 16, 2024****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson at 10:04 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance: Dr. Todd Dugan

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that they provided their first Parent Training/Support Event on Toilet Training for Students with Disabilities last night at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. There were five families in attendance and it was very successful. She plans to hold this training again later in the year. Mrs. Lenger stated the next event will be 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 and informed them she is sharing them with the coordinators.

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the Journey to Success Program. She informed the board that the class is starting a business making gift tags for various holidays beginning with Christmas. They plan to use the money they raise to help support their community outings and cooking lessons they complete in the classroom. She stated she would share the order form with them once they are complete.

Mrs. Lenger discussed participation in a networking group with other cooperative directors in the state led by Angela Zajac, Director of Eisenhower Cooperative in Crestwood, Illinois. This group will meet remotely 4 times a year with the first meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that Klaudia Taul is organizing an Adopt-A-Family again this year. Last year the program supported 13 families with gifts for the holidays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Financial**

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

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that we are completely staffed. She mentioned she is contemplating hiring a paraprofessional since the program at Bethalto East went from 3 students to 6 students in a week. She mentioned there are 5 new paraprofessionals this year and they are working through training with them. She stated that the teachers who oversee these paraprofessionals fill out a form bi-weekly to support growth and identify areas of continued training.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the programs. She mentioned that a former Wood River Hartford student transferred to Brussels, but stated since Brussels doesn't have special education services she agreed to

service him in the same program. She stated there are currently 51 students within all the programs. She also stated districts are reevaluating students and moving them back to the district when appropriate.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program

Mrs. Lenger stated that there are currently 11 individuals signed up for the RBT Training. The breakdown of the 11 individuals who are signed up are 7 individuals from Region III, Bunker Hill has 1, Southwestern has 2, and East Alton Wood River High School has 1.

Auditor's Report

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that Donna from Dennis Rose's office was in last week and is working on finishing up the audit. She stated that Donna is still waiting on a few letters from outside districts that Region III provides Audiology services to, so she has requested an extension.

Press Policy Update 116: First Reading

Mrs. Lenger asked the board if the Title IX training has to be in person or online. Dr. Griffin understood it had to be in person, but Mr. Miller stated they just completed theirs online. She also asked the board's thoughts on who should serve as the Coordinators vs who should be the complaint managers. Mr. Miller stated that he would have the superintendent /director in the complaint manager position.

LEA Determination Letters

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that all the districts met the LEA requirements this year.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills, regular board minutes, Public Hearing Minutes, and Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson