

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****November 20, 2024****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson at 10:19 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Pat Anderson, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Dr. Todd Dugan

Not in attendance: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Donna Haget, CPA with Dennis Rose and Associates, P.C.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the second parent night will be on December 17th at East Alton Middle School in the Cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 pm. It will showcase artwork submitted by students in our programs. Mrs. Lenger wanted to thank Ryan McGowen, Principal at East Alton Middle School, for allowing us to use his building for this event.

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 has started a business making gift tags for various holidays beginning with Christmas. She stated they received some donations to help purchase the items needed for making the gift tags.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the RIF Committee met on Thursday, November 14, 2024, to discuss the procedures for the sequence of honorable dismissal list and didn't make any changes. She stated they set the date for submission as March 14, 2025, and if anyone was on the list then certified staff would be notified on April 8, 2025.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that the Coordinators would be attending the IAASE Conference in February. She mentioned they are renting a house through VRBO to save on the cost of lodging.

Mrs. Lenger shared positive news with the board stating Kim Hood's classroom was at the Salvation Army for PE. There were also students from Marquette High School who were there to volunteer. They had stopped to watch her students play a basketball game and Kim asked them if they wanted to participate with our students. Kim Hood mentioned it was a positive interaction and was very pleased with all the students involved.

AUDIT REPORT

Mrs. Donna Haget summarized the Fiscal Year 24 Audit. She stated the budget was unbalanced because of the \$100,000.00 cost of improvements to the Journeys location, but this was not considered a finding. Mrs. Lenger did inform the board that a cooperative is not required to complete a deficit spending plan. There were no questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Financial**

Mrs. Lenger provided the budget update. The percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget was reported. She mentioned she is keeping an eye on supply budgets. She stated we have had several broken devices this year, so she is purchasing better cases to protect staff computers.

School Maintenance Grant

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she is collecting bids on the following projects: parking lot resurfacing, replacing two bushes in the landscaping, painting the office, and having the social worker's office area at Journeys enclosed for privacy. The bid from Jun Construction for enclosing the social worker's area is \$6700.00 and the total cost for all proposed work is \$23605.00. She is asking for approval to complete the application.

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that we were completely staffed, but she had a COTA resign this morning. She mentioned she would start looking for a replacement. She informed the board she is on the lookout for someone to handle our IT for next year. She mentioned we budget for around 100 hours of support. Dr. Todd Dugan mentioned they use Computight and Dr. Anderson mentioned Acropolis. Nancy Werden mentioned contacting SIUE to see if they have any students in their IT program who would be interested.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the programs. She stated there are currently 54 students within all the programs with the potential of one more from Bethalto. She also stated there is one student who will be graduating in December from East Alton Wood River High School. She informed the board that they have been able to move students back to the district when appropriate.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**RBT Training Program**

Mrs. Lenger stated that there are currently 19 individuals signed up for the RBT Training and it is up and running. The breakdown of the 19 individuals who are signed up are 8 individuals from Bethalto, 7 individuals from Region III, Bunker Hill has 1, Southwestern has 2, and East Alton Wood River High School has 1.

Press Policy Update 116: Second Reading

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that her staff completed the Title IX training on October 25, 2024. She received a link to the new PUNS training. She shared the PUNS Training link with the coordinators. She also informed the board that one person in each district building should be trained and the individual's name needs to be displayed on their website.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the FY24 Annual Financial Report. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

Mrs. Nancy Werden moved to approve the Press Policy Update 116. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the hiring of Lori McLain, Paraprofessional. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the Maintenance Grant as presented. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

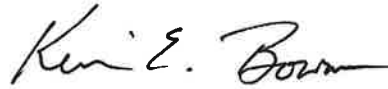
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson