

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson at 10:12 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan(arrived at 10:15)

Not in attendance: Dr. Pat Anderson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the second parent night of the school year was held on December 17th at East Alton Middle School from 5:30-7:00 pm. It showcased artwork submitted by students in our programs. She mentioned Santa was there for the kids to have their pictures taken. One parent had posted on social media that it had been several years since she had been able to get her boys' pictures taken with Santa and she was grateful that Region III had coordinated this event. Mrs. Lenger stated there was lots of participation from staff and parents. She thanked Ryan McGowen, Principal at East Alton Middle School, for allowing us to use his building for this event. She informed the board the next parent training meeting will be on using positive reinforcement at home and will be open for all our cooperating districts' families to attend.

Mrs. Lenger shared the CPI Tidbits newsletter with the board and she also shared them with the coordinators.

Mrs. Lenger mentioned that last week Journeys had its 54th graduate. The student was from East Alton Wood River High School and has some goals in mind for the future. The graduate had several family members in attendance for the ceremony at Journeys. The student graduated a semester early and is trying to get hired at World Wide Technology.

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 the supply budget for CLIP. She stated we have had several broken devices this year, so she has purchased better cases to protect staff computers.

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that we are doing well other than needing substitutes and on item 6.0 she will inform the board of two resignations she has received.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on the programs. She stated there are currently 52 students within all the programs with a few students who will be going back to district in January. She also stated there is one student from Bunker Hill who will begin attending the life skills classroom at East Alton Wood River High School.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**RBT Training Program**

Mrs. Lenger stated that the RBT Training is up and running and Genevieve has been out in the programs supporting the paraprofessionals. Dr. Griffin asked if the program would continue next year and Mrs. Lenger informed her it would. Mrs. Lenger stated that she has more paraprofessionals who are interested. She also stated

they would have to consider the number of participants once they complete their training because of the required supervision time by the BCBA. Dr. Griffin asked what the maximum number of paraprofessionals she could supervise and Mrs. Lenger stated twenty. Mrs. Lenger also stated she has had a few paraprofessionals who were initially interested but decided not to pursue the certification at this time. Mr. Miller asked how Genevieve was doing with running the program. Mrs. Lenger stated it has been a little challenging for her moving from a clinical setting to a school setting but she is working on how to approach people and handle different situations. She is aware of this and comes to Mrs. Lenger for suggestions on how to handle certain situations.

Press Policy Update 117: First Reading

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that section 5.90 pertaining to abused and neglected child reporting is being removed from the policy.

Acknowledgement of Resignations

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Matthew Atwood, COTA, took a position at a private school due to an increase in salary. Tammy Carroll, also a COTA, took a position at William BeDell.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to enter into closed session at 10:28 a.m. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Todd Dugan moved to come out of closed session at 10:49 a.m. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the hiring of Kamal Bhooshan, Paraprofessional. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for recognizing years of experience in a pediatric setting for COTAs and PTAs. Mrs. Lenger stated this would impact our current PTA and the COTA she is asking for hiring approval today. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the hiring of Abbigail Zangori, COTA. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 am Mrs. Nancy Werden 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, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Kevin Bowman, Chairperson