

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
March 12, 2025**

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. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Pat Anderson

Not in attendance: Dr. Todd Dugan

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the third Parent Night of the school year was held on March 5th at Bethalto East from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Although four families RSVP'd, only one family attended. Mrs. Lenger noted that the low attendance was likely due to inclement weather that evening. She shared that, after a discussion with her team, they plan to avoid scheduling training sessions during the winter months in the future.. Mrs. Lenger reported that the family who did attend found the session valuable, expressing appreciation for the understanding shown toward their child. The parent also mentioned that it was a great time to talk with others who understand their child. The next parent training night is scheduled for April at East Alton Wood River High School and will focus on summer information and student activities. Mrs. Lenger stated she would be sharing the flyer with districts soon.

Mrs. Lenger shared the CPI Tidbits newsletter with the Board and has shared it with the coordinators.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board information on translation services. She stated that Region III signed contracts with two different companies that offer translation services after Bethalto needed someone for a complete evaluation and testing of a Hispanic student. She mentioned we have an on-demand number we can call if there is a situation with a student and they need a translator for the parents. Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she had shared this information with the coordinators and their secretaries. She asked the board if they would like the information to be shared with them as well, and they stated yes.

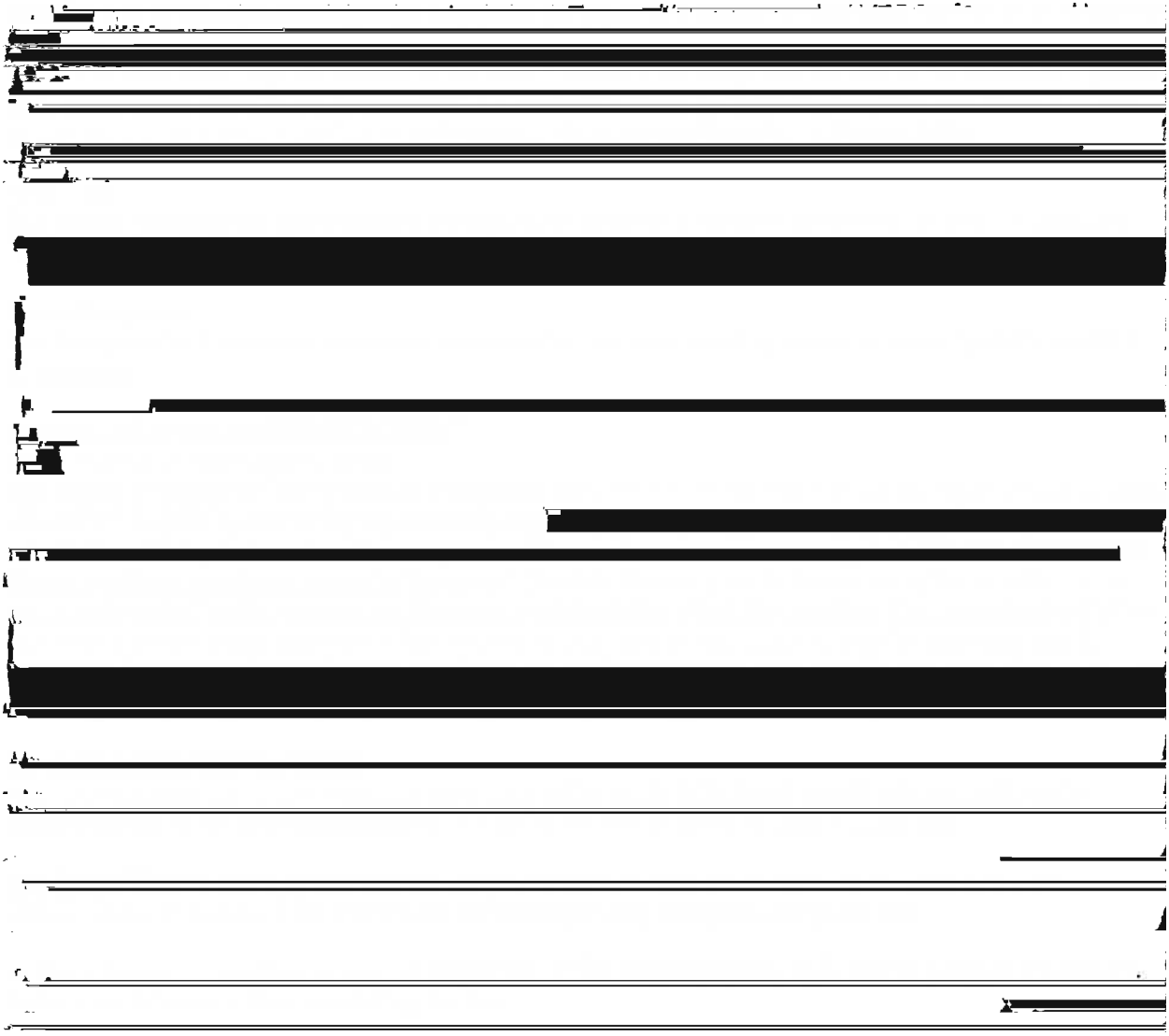
Mrs. Lenger reminded the Board that the Child Count Certification is due on March 28th, and the IDEA Excess Cost Application is due March 15th.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the Bethalto Special Olympics will be held Saturday, March 29th, and Region III will have a table and will be passing out sensory stickers and information about sensory integration.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Financial**

Mrs. Lenger provided the budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget. She stated they are keeping an eye on the supply budget for Journeys since they offer incentives to the students, and that can become costly.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that on Monday, she received the approval for Journeys being a Separate Public Special Education Day School. She stated she had some questions regarding the approval and had some discussions with Dr. Bowman before the meeting. She stated one of her concerns is that the school has to serve only special education students, and Journeys is an ALOP and does serve a few Administratively Placed students. One of her thoughts was to separate the ALOP program and the Separate Public Special Education Day School program. Dr. Bowman asked if this opened Journeys up to outside districts to be able to send students since they were approved. Mrs. Lenger stated she would follow up with ISBE. Mrs. Lenger stated that if they continue with the Separate Public Special Education Day School program, the next step would be to submit expenditures and



full house.

Mr. Miller asked Mrs. Lenger to share with the board the award she was presented with at the IAASE Conference. Mrs. Lenger stated that she was presented with a Leadership Award for IAASE Region 5. She mentioned that she was very surprised and was nominated by the special education coordinators in our cooperative.

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she is preparing for the next school year. She stated she has an anticipated teacher opening and has a few interviews scheduled, but now she isn't certain that teacher is leaving.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger stated there were no new changes since the last board meeting. There are currently 52.5 students in

Respectfully submitted
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