

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

AUGUST 19TH, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:33 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Dr. Jill Griffin
Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Mr. Rob Miller
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Patrick Anderson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger stated this year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Journeys Program. The staff is in the process of planning some fun events for students and staff and a celebration of the success of our students. Mrs. Lenger will share more information as plans are made.

Mrs. Lenger stated that communication and accountability were identified as an area of need with behavior consultations. Mrs. Lenger stated she worked with Kim Hood and Dr. Mark Dixon to develop a form that can be used for this purpose in addition to documentation for auditing purposes. The form was provided.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of professional development that has been provided so far this year. On August 5th Initial PEAK ABA training was held at the WRH District Office and had 23 staff from districts attend. On August 10th, IEP Bootcamp training was held at the Cornerstone Church in Bethalto and had 31 staff from districts attend.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the upcoming trainings Special Education Law, with Teri Engler, that will be held at the Best Western Premier Hotel in Alton on September 9th, 2021 for administrators. Miss Engler requested the possibility of providing the information remotely. Mrs. Lenger stated she would like input from the superintendents about having the administrators attend in-person but giving the presenter the option of a remote session. Isolation and Restraint, Procedures and Forms, with Kim Hood, will be held on Sept. 24, 2021. This training will take place from 12:00-2:30 p.m. All Region staff will be present, and it is open to all district staff who may be involved in behavioral interventions. Location to be announced.

DIRECTORS REPORT

FINANCIAL Mrs. Lenger presented the first reading of the 2021-2022 Region III Special Education Cooperative Budget and explained there are three parts to the budget. Professional Development, Administration and Tuition. Mrs. Lenger stated that 5% of the district's IDEA Part B Grant is reserved for professional development, 3% will be kept by the district and 2% will be given to Region III. Mrs. Lenger stated the Administrative fee is divided by public enrollment numbers and figured on the administrative salaries and costs. The third part of the budget is the Region III Tuition programs. Mrs. Lenger stated the overall budget decreased by 5% from last year.

Mrs. Lenger provided the first tuition bills along with last years numbers. The first billing for FY22 CLIP tuition will be \$27,320.42 as compared to first billing of FY21 of \$39,834.01. Journeys FY22 first tuition bill will be \$29,246.35 compared to FY21 billing of \$32,199.77. Mrs. Lenger stated tuition rates have gone down in costs.

Mrs. Lenger presented the Administrative Outreach Report that shows the amount received for Medicaid services, the billing fee paid to Embrace, and a comparison of money received from 2019-20 to last year.

Mrs. Lenger stated the cooperative will receive \$153, 448 through the ESSER III grant. Mrs. Lenger provided information to the board members on the following needs that had been identified: interventions in social emotional and mental health, technology, professional development, extended school year services, after school programs, summer services, and improvement of air quality for students and staff at the Region III Office.

PERSONNEL Board acknowledged the resignation of Madison Duke, Paraprofessional CLIP, Deanette Meyer, Paraprofessional CLIP, Sarah Nelson, Paraprofessional CLIP, Crystal Harlow, Paraprofessional CLIP and Jeremiah Harvey, Certified teacher, Journeys School.

Mrs. Lenger stated she currently has an opening for a paraprofessional for Lacy Pflieger's room in the CLIP program.

PROGRAMS Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve the lease agreement with East Alton District #13. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve FMLA leave for Carson Bailey. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hacke moved to approve FMLA leave for Jeremiah Harvey. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve FMLA leave for Jennifer Courtoise. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the employment of William McLemore, Paraprofessional CLIP High School, Kinsey Tittsworth, Paraprofessional, Journeys, Stacey Paul, Paraprofessional CLIP Middle School, Amanda Dilks, Paraprofessional CLIP Elementary, Marlissa Tegel, Certified Teacher, Journeys and Haley Ruyle, One-to-One Nurse.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger discussed with board members if they wanted to have the governing board meeting in person or remotely. Members decided to hold it in person and combine it with the Executive Board meeting at Castelli's Restaurant on Wednesday, September 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., at Castelli's Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
September 15th, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kyle Hacke, at 1:32 p.m.
Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Jill Griffin

Mrs. Emily Warnecke

Mr. Rob Miller

Mr. Brad Tuttle

Mr. Kyle Hacke

Dr. Patrick Anderson

VISITORS

No visitors were present.

FINANCIAL

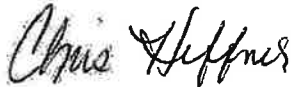
Ms. Lenger presented the FY 2022 Region III Special Education Budget and Journeys E Learning Plan.

There were no public present. There were no questions or comments from the public.

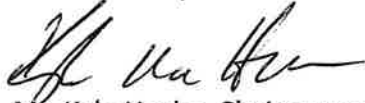
ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson at 6:11 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Jill Griffin, Bethalto #8

Mr. Todd Meiser, Bethalto #8

Mrs. Emily Warnecke, East Alton #13

Ms. Kim Handler, East Alton #13

Mr. Brad Tuttle, Jersey #100

Ms. Peggy Perdun, Jersey #100

Mr. Kyle Hacke, Southwestern #9

Ms. Donna Jo Loy, Southwestern #9

Dr. Patrick Anderson, WR-Hartford #15

Ms. Amy Allen, WR-Hartford #15

Not Present

Mr. Rob Miller, EAWR High #14

MINUTES/ACTIONS

Ms. Allen moved to approve the August 2020 to June 2021 minutes and past actions of the Region III Special Education Executive Board as presented. Ms. Loy seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

FY 22 BUDGET

Mrs. Lenger presented the 2021-2022 Region III Special Education Budget. Mrs. Lenger explained in detail the three parts of the Budget: Administration, Tuition, and Professional Development. Ms. Perdun moved to approve the budget as presented. Ms. Allen seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Loy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Governing Board will be held September 2022.

Respectfully Submitted



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary, Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 15th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 5:31 p.m.
Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Jill Griffin
Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not Present

Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Teri Engler, Attorney

Mrs. Lenger informed the board Teri Engler presented Special Education Law Update to the administrators on September 14th. Mrs. Lenger stated there were 19 participants and Southwestern had the most administrators in attendance. Terry presented remotely and everything went well.

Isolation and Restraint Procedures

Mrs. Lenger informed the board training will be held at the Phillip 66 Kendall Hill Park from 12:00-3:30 on September 24th, 2021. Region III staff will be in attendance as well as two staff members each from Bethalto and Jersey 100.

CSP Training

Mrs. Lenger stated on October 8th, 2021, social workers, psychologists, nurses and SLPs will meet from 8:30-1:30 at Bethalto District's Administrative Offices. They will participate in round table discussions and Medicaid billing training.

LEA Determinations

Mrs. Lenger informed the board they should have received an email from ISBE regarding their LEA determination. No districts in the cooperative had findings this year. The coordinators and Mrs. Lenger will be looking at the data for the SPP indicators with a score less than 3 to determine and develop a plan of action. Mrs. Lenger stated she wants to be proactive in making changes to improve our scores.

FINANCIAL

FY 22 Budget, Second Reading

Mrs. Lenger presented the Region III Special Education Cooperative 2021-2022 Budget. Mrs. Lenger explained that there are three parts to the budget, Region III Tuition Programs, Administrative Fee, and IDEA professional development that is received from the districts. There was an overall decrease in the budget by 5%.

ESSER II Grant

Mrs. Lenger stated she sent an email concerning the disapproval of the grant application due to the request for unallowable expenses, updating the HVAC system at the Region office and purchasing air purifiers for Journeys classrooms. Cooperatives have a more restrictions on allowable expenses than districts. Our grant manager stated that districts can write this expense in their ESSER grants to cover the cost for the cooperative. Mrs. Lenger requested that districts split the cost by enrollment, as we have with other expenses in the past. Mrs. Lenger provided a breakdown with cost for each district. Board members discussed using SMP grant funds to pay for the project and could approve at a special board meeting scheduled at a later date.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger stated she is asking for an additional certified teacher and an additional paraprofessional at the Journeys school due to requests or discussion of a need for placement from 5 of our 6 districts. Mrs. Lenger provided the board a breakdown of Journeys First tuition bill and Final tuition bill for FY21 and FY 22, that shows the cost if a teacher and a paraprofessional with current enrollment of 24 students were added.

Mrs. Lenger stated she is asking to change the FTE status of a COTA that has requested to go part-time. Mrs. Lenger stated she is a very good employee that has been with Region III for 14 years. She would like to work 3 days per week, and I would like to give her that opportunity if a qualified applicant is found to fill a 2/5 position.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a list of the current Region programs and student count in each program.

Behavior Coach Services

Mrs. Lenger provided a chart that shows Kim Hood's hours for the month of August that she worked in the districts. Mrs. Lenger stated Kim has been busy providing CPI training to districts. Jersey lost their CPI trainer this year, so Kim is trying to help with training there, which is a change from the past. Mrs. Lenger stated she will be discussing scheduling of this training in district for next year so she can look at this well in advance and have a plan. Kim has provided other training for districts.

POLICY UPDATES

Policy Updates-First Reading

- 1:20 Cooperative Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
Five-year review
- 1:30 Cooperative Philosophy
Edit: The mission of Region III is to foster positive Relationships, Recognize differences, and help students Reach their potential.
- 2:10 Cooperative Governance
Updated to reflect changes permitting public bodies to meet without a quorum physically present during a public health emergency.

- 2:130 governing and Executive Boards-Director Relationship
Updated in response to a five-year review. Statutory text, previously contained in the sample policy's footnotes, was moved into the policy as a result of PRESS Advisory Board feedback.
- 2:240 Executive Board Policy Development
See attachment for PRESSPlus Comments
- 3:30 Chain of Command
Needs Reviewed-Five Year Review-Please read in attachment. Do we need to develop an organizational chart for chain of command?
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
Updated and prohibits an employer from disqualifying or taking other adverse action against applicants/employees based on conviction records unless certain conditions and notification requirements are met.
- 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
Updated in response to the expanded use of educational technologies in schools and for other continuous improvements. Do districts have staff sign the Authorization form? Can someone share their form with me?
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
Legal references have been updated.
- 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
Updated in response to a five-year review.
- 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
Needs Reviewed-Five Year Review-Please read.
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
Repealed by PA 98-353
- 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
Updated in response to a five-year review.
- 2:220-E9 Exhibit
Mrs. Lenger stated she did consult with the attorney regarding this form because we may be holding our board meetings remotely at times this year. There is no need to use this exhibit. All remote meetings will be recorded and available to the public. The minutes serve as the official record of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Space for related services within district buildings

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that every year there is an issue with space in one or more of our districts regarding the therapy rooms even though staff is very flexible and willing to work things out therapy space isn't always conducive to providing quality services. Mrs. Lenger discussed the possibility of using ESSER funds that are available to districts for mobile classrooms for therapy.

eLearning Program Proposal

Mrs. Lenger provided the proposed eLearning Plan for the Journeys program to the board. Mrs. Lenger explained that the eLearning plan is in place of snow days for the 2021-2022 school year. Rich Ramsay, principal, has consulted with ROE 40 and ROE 41 to develop the plan and ensure appropriate content.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Anderson moved to approve the authorization to destroy audio recordings more than eighteen months old. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-5, No-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the FY 22 Budget. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-5, No-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve the hiring of Jessica Miller, paraprofessional at Journeys school. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Board agreed to table approval of HVAC system at Region III Office.

Board agreed to table purchase of Air Purifiers for the Journeys classrooms.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the hiring of a Certified Teacher in the Journeys program. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-5, No-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the hiring of a Paraprofessional position in the Journeys program. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-5, No-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

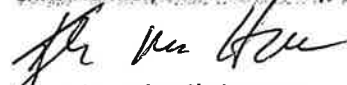
Mr. Hacke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the next Executive Board Meeting will be held, Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. remotely.

Respectfully Submitted,


Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper


Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING**

October 6th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Jill Griffin arrive 1:34
Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Mr. Rob Miller
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mr. Kyle Hacke

Not Present

Dr. Patrick Anderson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

FINANCIAL

FY 22 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT SUBMISSION

Mrs. Lenger provided the two proposals that were received for the HVAC system. Mrs. Lenger stated Den-Son, Inc. proposal was \$23,276 and BUSH Refrigeration proposal was \$27,159.

Mrs. Lenger provided a breakdown of the district's matching cost of \$15,000 for the SMP grant and explained that each district's cost is divided by their public enrollment.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the submission of the FY 22 School Maintenance Project Grant. Mr. Hacky seconded. Roll call was taken with Members voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

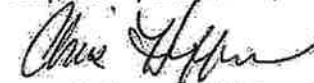
ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

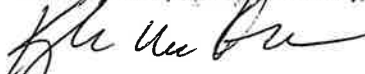
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the next Executive Board Meeting will be held, Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. remotely.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper


Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

October 20th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not Present

Dr. Jill Griffin
Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. Lenger introduced Donna Hoggatt, Auditor for Region III.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger stated on the October 8th Teacher Institute, certified support personnel from all cooperative districts met at Bethalto's District Office for round table discussions, Medicaid training, and presentations from outside agencies. There were 38 staff in attendance. Mrs. Lenger stated it was very successful and many participants asked if we could do this every year or even twice a year. Region III teachers participated in further training in the use of Reading Plus as a reading intervention for our students and joined the CSP staff remotely for the presentations from outside agencies.

Mrs. Lenger stated Erin Bickle, Executive Director, from Refuge 4 Kids will present Trauma Informed Care on October 29th to our staff. This is part of the 8 hours of required training in 5 different areas (crisis de-escalation, restorative practices, identifying signs of distress during restraint and time out, trauma informed practices, behavior management practices.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Hoggatt from Dennis Rose & Associates, P.C., presented the audit report for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Hoggatt stated there was a clean opinion for the Region III financial records. She also stated that the financial reports were in good condition and there were no problems with internal procedures. There were no questions from the board members. Mrs. Lenger thanked Mrs. Hoggatt for coming.

Mrs. Lenger stated the ESSER III Grant has been approved and will begin implementing the after-school program that was outlined in the grant.

Mrs. Lenger stated she will post positions available for after school hours in which paraprofessionals will implement TelePEAK sessions with students who would benefit from more time working on ABA programs. Registration information has been sent to parents of students who qualify.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger stated she is working with the ROE about a perspective applicant for the teaching position at Journeys and has been approached by a retired teacher. TRS has issued guidelines that must be followed to hire a retired teacher. One of those guidelines states that the position must be posted at least 90 days before consideration of filling the position with a retired teacher. Mrs. Lenger stated she is also looking at filling the position with a Sub teacher.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a list of the current Region programs and student count in each program.

Behavior Coach Services

Mrs. Lenger provided an updated chart that shows Kim Hood's hours that she worked in the districts. Mrs. Lenger stated several coordinators have stated that the need for Kim's services is higher than what she has time for. Currently, there is a 2 week wait until she can get to a new referral. Mrs. Lenger stated there may be a need to get additional help next year even though Kim is doing a great job trying to get to everyone.

POLICY UPDATES

Policy Updates-Second Reading

1:20 Cooperative Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

1:30 Cooperative Philosophy

2:10 Cooperative Governance

2:130 governing and Executive Boards-Director Relationship

2:240 Executive Board Policy Development

3:30 Chain of Command

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies

6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
2:220-E9 Exhibit

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried

Dr. Anderson moved to approve the FY 21 Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Anderson moved to approve the hiring of Jennifer Perry, paraprofessional at CLIP program. Mrs. Warnecke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the hiring of Tammy Carroll, Certified Occupational Therapist, .60 FTE. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve policies listed in 6.0, excluding 2:220-E9 Exhibit. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve Journeys program eLearning Plan. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting Aye 4, Nay-0.

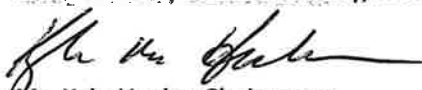
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the next Executive Board meeting will be held, Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. remotely.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 17th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:33 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Dr. Jill Griffin

Mr. Rob Miller

Mr. Brad Tuttle

Mr. Kyle Hacke

Dr. Patrick Anderson left 1:55 p.m.

Not Present

Mrs. Emily Warnecke

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger stated there has been a first case of COVID in our staff. This did not impact our students or other staff. The member who was positive was out for 10 days and has returned to work. There have not been any positive cases within our student population.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board there will be 4 students graduating from Journeys School on December 16th. Jersey 100 has three graduates and Bethalto has one graduate. In the spring, there will be two graduates from Southwestern School District and one from Bethalto. At the end of this school year, there will be a total of 45 graduates in 10 years this program has been in operation.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger stated the Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted in the Alton Telegraph.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger requested approval of employment for two paraprofessionals. Elizabeth Chester will fill the paraprofessional position open at Journeys School and Klaudia Woodridge will fill a paraprofessional position at Eastwood due to adding a student that requires a significant amount of 1:1 time, but this will not be a personal aid position.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a list of the current Region programs and student count in each program. Mrs. Lenger stated a new

classroom was opened at Journeys, and she continues to get calls from coordinators regarding placements.

Mrs. Lenger provided an updated chart that shows Kim Hood's hours for her services she provided in the districts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger stated Tammy Pickerill, SLP, will retire at the end of this year. Mrs. Lenger provided a list of the number of students Tammy sees in the programs. Mrs. Lenger is requesting to post the position early in the second semester.

Mrs. Lenger discussed the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan and what they are doing in their districts.

Mrs. Lenger provided a comparison of three possible Journeys program locations that included EA/WR High School, Region III office, and Crossroads Church. Mrs. Lenger discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each building. Mrs. Lenger stated the next step would be comparing costs of the facilities and projected tuition costs.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the November bills. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hacke moved to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Chester, paraprofessional at Journeys program. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Anderson moved to approve the hiring of Klaudia Wooldridge, paraprofessional at Eastwood CLIP program. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Anderson left meeting at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Tuttle moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting Aye 4, Nay-0.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Mrs. Lenger stated the next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Region III office on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

December 15th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 3:03 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mr. Kyle Hacke
Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Mr. Rob Miller
Mr. Brad Tuttle

Not Present

Dr. Patrick Anderson
Dr. Jill Griffin

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger stated there have been no new Covid cases.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger stated she is requesting FMLA approval for non-certified staff, Nicky Clowers. Mrs. Clowers has requested maternity leave from 3/1/2022-4/8/2022, and has 7 sick days as of 12/10/2021.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a list of the current Region programs and student count in each program, along with a projected list for next school year. Mrs. Lenger stated she has been in discussions with coordinators regarding their needs and transitioning students back to district.

Mrs. Lenger provided an updated chart that shows Kim Hood's hours for her services she provided in the districts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger provided expenses for the Journeys building and proposed expenses for other options along with projected tuition costs. Mrs. Lenger stated it would be an advantage to have students in EA/WR High school. Students would have a gym available, cafeteria, and staff would have the ability to collaborate with other staff members. Board members discussed advantages and disadvantages of using the high school. One of the disadvantages is having room for only three classrooms which would not allow room to grow. Mr. Miller stated he will discuss moving Journeys to the high school with his board in January and make a formal decision in February.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board members, Monty Aldrich will be the new board member, interim Superintendent for East Alton 13, in January. Mr. Aldrich will replace current board member Emily Warnecke.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve FMLA request for Nicky Clowers. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Warnecke moved to approve the posting of the Speech Language Pathologist position for FY 23. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried.

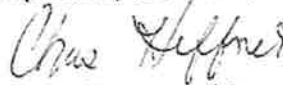
ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Warnecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with members Voting Aye 4, Nay-0.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Lenger stated the next Executive Board meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Board Secretary/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

January 19TH, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely through Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:31 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Mr. Monty Aldrich
Mr. Rob Miller
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Dr. Patrick Anderson
Mr. Kyle Hacke

Not Present

Dr. Jill Griffin

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors was present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 9 students on quarantine due to close contact outside of school, 4 staff on quarantine, and 3 positive staff members.

Mrs. Lenger provided a report showing the numbers of isolation and restraint incidents to the board members. Mrs. Lenger also provided a document from ISBE showing state goals and benchmarks and discussed creating oversight teams in the districts to develop school-specific plans for reducing and eventually eliminating the use of time out and physical restraint.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Tuttle moved to go into Closed Session at 1:37 p.m. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Mr. Hacke moved to come out of Closed Session at 1:49 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on the anticipated date of installation of the new HVAC system for Region III.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Lenger informed the board Elizabeth Chester, paraprofessional, turned in her resignation letter.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Chris Heffner, Bookkeeper, modified the date of her initial retirement date and will work till February 16th and then take 20 days of vacation. Her last day of employment will be March 18th, 2022.

Mrs. Lenger stated she is recommending hiring Melinda Kroeger as bookkeeper and has included a breakdown of salary and benefits.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she is asking for approval of a salary increase for Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Lenger stated she has given her additional responsibilities including Board Secretary, administrative responsibilities for Medicaid Billing and Time Study, and Time Clock responsibilities. Mrs. Lenger provided Katie's salary and benefits breakdown to the board.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program. Mrs. Lenger stated there will be a new student starting on Monday and a possibility of another one in the near future.

Behavior Coach

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of training and support that was provided to the districts. Mrs. Lenger reminded the board that this service has been paid for by the districts. Kim is available if there is a need for behavioral intervention in their districts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board the EAWR school board decided they did not want to lease space to Region III for the Journeys classrooms. Mrs. Lenger spoke with Mr. Tuttle about the continuation of the current lease for one more year, if needed. Mr. Tuttle stated he is open to discussions but would like to set a date for a final decision whether it would be used or not. Board agreed to set the date for March 31st. Mrs. Lenger stated she also contacted Crossroads Church again to discuss a lease agreement on January 18th. Mr. Chad Hoesman from the ROE 40 will inspect the building should the board decide to pursue the Crossroads Church lease, which is her recommendation.

POLICY UPDATES

Policy Updates, First Reading

4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors. This policy is created in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 (Erin's Law), amended by P.A. 102-610, which requires districts to adopt and implement a policy addressing sexual abuse of children. Our committee is addressing the requirements of this policy.

2:20 Powers and Duties of Governing Board

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/21B-85(a) and (b).

2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban

105 ILCS 5/22-90 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 102-327, bans high school guidance counselors from intentionally soliciting or accepting gifts from a prohibited source, narrowly defined as "any person who is employed by an institution of higher education or is an agent or spouse of or an immediate family member living with a person employed by an institution of higher education." Exceptions exist for certain circumstances, e.g., gifts from a relative or based on a personal friendship. A guidance counselor does not violate this law if he or she promptly takes reasonable action to return the gift to the prohibited source or donates the gift or an amount equal to its value to a tax-exempt charity.

2:110 Qualifications, Terms and Duties of Governing and Executive Board Officers

Legal references are updated.

2:220 Executive Board Meeting Procedure

Required by 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d), amended by P.A. 102-653. If a board is unable to conduct the review every six months, it must do so as soon after as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the board. A board may also conduct the review more frequently. For the sake of brevity and to align with the closed meeting exception in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) that continues to refer to a public body's semi-annual review of its closed session minutes, this policy's exhibits use the term semi-annual, even though that term was removed from 5 ILCS 120/2.06(d).

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

Press Plus1 Optional; using a delivery method that allows the district to verify the date of receipt is a best practice. We recommend adding this language in the policy.

3:40 Director

Updated in response to the General Assembly's focus on resolving Educator Misconduct.

3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Director

The Cross References are updated in response to the General Assembly's focus on resolving Educator Misconduct

3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal

The Legal References are updated. The Cross References are updated in response to the General Assembly's focus on resolving Educator Misconduct.

4:60 Purchase and Contracts

410 ILCS 170/10(b), added by P.A. 102-242, eff. 1-1-23.
2 C.F.R. §§200.318-200.327; 30 ILCS 708/. The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) adopts the federal uniform guidance for all grants unless the Office of the Governor grants an exception. 30 ILCS 708/55; 44 Ill.Admin.Code §7000.60.

4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds

Address the Illinois Pesticide Act. Recommends inclusion of information in the student handbook.

4:170 Safety

1) notify parents/guardians in advance of any lockdown drill that involves student participation, and (2) allow parents/guardians to exempt their child(ren) from participating for any reason. For students who do not participate in the lockdown drill, districts must provide alternative safety education and instruction related to an active threat or active shooter event. For students who do participate in the lockdown drill, districts must allow them to ask questions related to it.

4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications

The School Code continues to define the board president's role in conducting criminal background investigations and receiving the results of these investigations, including the results for employees of district contractors. 105ILCS 5/10-21.9. Many districts delegate this task in the hiring process to a human resources department.

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

775 ILCS 5/2-102(A), amended by P.A. 102-233.

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

775 ILCS 5/2-102(A), amended by P.A. 102-233. Work authorization status definition

5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria

Draft update. Legal references updated.

5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace

5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Recommend approval as presented

5:100 Staff Development Program

Current investigation of PD provided through Bushue to determine if the trainings provided meet the requirements of this policy.

5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

Region III does not employ a guidance counselor. Recommend deleting this section.

5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

Updated in response to the requirements of districts outlined in 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 (Erin's Law), amended by P.A. 102-610.

5:150 Personnel Records

Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-23.13 (Erin's Law), amended by P.A. 102-610.

5:185 Family and Medical Leave

Review Press Plus' 1 Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Monty Aldrich moved to approve the Consent Agenda, approve bills and to keep Closed Meeting Minutes July 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 closed as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to accept Chris Heffner, Bookkeeper's retirement letter. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Anderson moved to approve hiring Melinda Kroeger, Bookkeeper with a salary of \$45,000 dollars to start on hire date and to be prorated through the end of the school year, with no additional raise increase for the 22-23 school year. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant's salary increase of \$4,000 dollars to start February 16th and to be prorated through the end of the school year, and with no additional raise increase for the 22-23 school year. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tuttle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****February 16TH, 2022****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order remotely via Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Monty Aldrich, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Brad Tuttle, Mr. Kyle Hacke, Dr. Patrick Anderson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 2 students on quarantine due to close contact outside of school, 2 staff on quarantine, and 2 positive cases among staff members.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board they will need to certify their child count numbers after March 11, 2022. She also informed the board their IDEA Excess Cost Application is due March 11, 2022. She reminded board members the final December 1 snapshot will be February 23rd. She attached the HBUG newsletter for information on these topics.

Mrs. Lenger and the district coordinators attended a webinar with attorneys about changes in isolation and restraint guidelines that took effect on January 19, 2022. The change in the guidelines that could have the most impact on district data is the definition of "momentary period of physical restriction." This was a highly attended session with 70 unanswered questions. ISBE is planning a follow up session in March. She has urged the coordinators to look at their numbers. She will sit down, and problem solve with any coordinator needing assistance with keeping the number of incidents low. Mrs. Lenger also stated, districts should be creating oversight teams in order to develop school-specific plans for reducing and eventually eliminating the use of time out and physical restraint. These plans will need to be submitted to the state by June 30, 2022.

Mrs. Lenger shared with board members that the Journeys students made Valentine's cards for the residents at Cedarhurst of Godfrey. Journeys staff are incorporating activities that support community involvement. The students and staff at Journeys discussed the importance of community involvement.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Aldrich moved to go into closed session at 1:39 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried. Dr. Griffin moved to come out of

closed session at 1:47 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on the current and estimated tuition cost for FY 23. Mrs. Lenger showed the board their cost for the last bill of FY21 and first bill of FY22 compared to the estimated bill for FY23. Mrs. Lenger suggested combining tuition bills for CLIP and Journeys programs.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she currently plans to RIF 2 certified positions and 1 paraprofessional position due to the decrease in enrollment for next school year. Clip program will be starting with nearly full classrooms next school year. They will have 2 rooms who will need 2 paraprofessionals in each room. A few teachers and paraprofessionals have indicated they are interviewing with other districts. Dr. Griffin asked how many students would start at Journeys next school year. Mrs. Lenger informed the board they would be starting with 14 students compared to the current 24. She plans to keep the maximum number of students at 18 to 20 students per the 3 classrooms for next school year.

Mrs. Lenger stated she is recommending hiring Amanda Dey as a paraprofessional for Journeys.

Mr. Hacke moved to hire Amanda Dey as a paraprofessional at Journeys. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.(Dr. Griffin, left meeting at 1:54 and returned at 2:00)

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, number of staff and students in each program.

POLICY UPDATES

Policy Updates, Second Reading

- 1.0 Policy Updates, Second Reading
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
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- 4:170 Safety

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 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
 5:150 Personnel Records
 5:185 Family and Medical Leave

Mr. Tuttle moved to adopt Policy updates. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Policy Updates, First Reading

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 5:220 Substitute Teachers
 5:250 Leaves of Absence
 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leave
 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
 7:160 Student Appearance
 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
 7:190 Student Behavior
 7:200 Suspension Procedures
 7:250 Student Support Services
 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
 7:340 Student Records
 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she had a follow-up meeting with Robert Dulaney form Ameresco and met with two representatives from Steckel-Parker Architects, Inc. at Crossroads Church for a follow-up inspection. She is currently waiting on a report from the architect.

Mrs. Lenger requested approval from the board of a short-term lease agreement with East Alton District 15. This lease is for the housing of our CLIP program that was previously located at Lewis and Clark Junior High. The move is necessary due to a fire at Lewis and Clark Junior High. There is no fee for this lease agreement and the lease will remain active until the program is able to move back to the Lewis and Clark Junior High building.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the lease agreement. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Monty Aldrich moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin moved to approve Treasurer's Bond for Melinda Kroeger, Bookkeeper. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the change in administrator of the Carrollton Banking Center account to Melinda Kroeger, Bookkeeper, and remove current administrator, Chris Heffner. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve Melinda Kroeger, Bookkeeper, as IMRF agent and TRS agent for Region III. Mr. Hacke seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

March 23rd, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order remotely via Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:35 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Monty Aldrich, Keri Lakin (proxy), Mr. Kyle Hacke (in person), Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance: Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger reminded the board they should start creating an oversight team to develop a plan to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of restraint and time out, per ISBE State Plan. Mrs. Lenger assured the board she would assist districts with their plans. Mrs. Lenger stated the plans need to be in place by July 1, 2022. If the districts are using restraint and time out, then the incident must be documented on the state form and reported to the parents within 24 hours and the state within 2 school days.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that East Alton District #13 notified her they will not be renewing her lease for the elementary classroom next school year. She let the board know she met with Dr. Pat Anderson about leasing 2 elementary classrooms and 1 middle school classroom at Lewis and Clark for the next school year. Dr. Pat Anderson was confident they would be able to accommodate Mrs. Lenger's request. Mrs. Lenger plans on leaving 1 middle school classroom at East Alton Middle school to accommodate a student with multiple disabilities who would be unable to maneuver stairs at Lewis and Clark Jr. High. Mrs. Lenger also plans on leaving the high school classroom at East Alton-Wood River High School for next school year.

Mrs. Lenger reported that Mr. Kyle Hacke and her have a meeting on March 24, 2022, with Crossroads Church in Brighton, about the Journeys building move for next school year. She explained to the board that the church is going through some leadership changes, and they have some reservations about the Journeys program moving inside their church.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to go into closed session at 1:44 p.m. Mr. Aldrich seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Griffin moved to come out of closed session at 1:54 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting,

Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on the current and estimated tuition cost for FY 23. Mrs. Lenger showed the board their cost for the last bill of FY21 and first bill of FY22 compared to the estimated bill for FY23. Mrs. Lenger suggested combining tuition bills for CLIP and Journeys programs.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she is currently looking to hire an SLP for the next school year because our current SLP is retiring. Mrs. Lenger has only received one application and that the applicant withdrew her name after her interview because of the starting pay scale. The current SLP is willing to assist with ESY if needed. Dr. Griffin suggested we ask our current SLP if she would be willing to contract with Region a few days a week. Mrs. Lenger stated she would check with the current SLP.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, and number of staff and students in each program. Mrs. Lenger presented a chart of programs and potential students for next school year. She would like to have separate classrooms in the elementary program. One for students with autism and one with a behavioral focus. Currently the students are blended in the classroom and instruction is challenging. She stated because of an increase in student enrollment in the last few weeks, the need for next year has increased from 3 classrooms at Journeys to 4. She provided a chart showing the Behavior Coach's hours at each district. She is very thankful for this position and stated the Behavior Coach is doing a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the classroom lease with East Alton-Wood River High School for FY23-F24. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the Board Policy Update as presented, Press Issue 108 (5:200-8:100), second reading. Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

5:220 Substitute Teachers

5:250 Leaves of Absence

- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leave
- 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
- 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews
- 7:160 Student Appearance—**Question-Default is no**
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
- 7:190 Student Behavior—**Question-Cell phones not out of sight**
- 7:200 Suspension Procedures
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools—**Question-Default is no**
- 7:340 Student Records
- 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

Reduction in Force not necessary this year.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve Authorization to Prepare Budget for FY23, Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant


Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****April 20th, 2022****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order remotely via Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:40 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin (in person), Mr. Monty Aldrich, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Brad Tuttle, Mr. Kyle Hacke (in person)

Not in attendance: Dr. Patrick Anderson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger discussed a form used for Special Education Transportation, Community Based Instruction. She explained the form is not for permission to attend the community based instruction, but rather for reimbursement. As long as the outing involves activities toward the students IEP goals, districts can get reimbursed.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Journeys has 3 students graduating this spring. Journeys graduation ceremony is May 11, 2022 @ 10:00 am. There are two students from Southwestern School District, and one from Jersey 100 graduating. This brings the total Journeys graduates to 45 students. Mrs. Lenger expressed that our staff encourage the graduating students to walk in their home districts' graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on the current status of Journeys location for next school year and going forward. She discussed the meeting with Kyle Hacke and members of Crossroads Church. She explained how their new board members were hesitant to house our programs within their building and would not be leasing to us. Mrs. Lenger mentioned her discussion with Mr. Tuttle about staying at the current Journeys building longer. Her concern with staying in the current building long term is putting more money in a building the cooperative does not own. Mrs. Lenger is going to meet with Mr. Rob Miller to discuss the possibility of approaching his board again about housing Journeys at East Alton-Wood River High School. Mr. Miller explained how his teachers and staff realize now they can coexist with other programs since Lewis & Clark Jr. high had to relocate there due to a fire in their building.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she received a bargaining letter from the board this morning. They are making arrangements to have their first meeting in May.

PROGRAMS**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, and number of staff and students in each program. She informed the board we currently have 49 students enrolled in our programs with one more student starting on Monday. Mrs. Lenger presented a chart of programs and potential students for next school year. She provided a chart showing the Behavior Coach's hours at each district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda and approve bills as presented. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Griffin moved to approve Journeys calendar for next school year. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the closure of the Vantage Credit Union account. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve the closure of the US Bank account. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin moved to approve hiring Maria Day, Allie Kesler and Margaret Fitzgerald as teachers for ESY. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****May 18th, 2022****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order remotely via Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:32 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin (in person arrived @ 1:34 p.m.), Mr. Monty Aldrich, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Brad Tuttle(arrived via Zoom @ 1:35 p.m.), Mr. Kyle Hacke (in person), Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance:**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that her staff has been working on reinstating sick days due to COVID related quarantine or illness for the school year. Reinstatement should be completed by the end of May.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board the flier for the upcoming Sign Language Class being offered through Region III. Our Hearing Itinerant teacher will be instructing the class and there are currently 19 individuals registered for the class.

Mrs. Lenger updated the board on the current status of ESY. There are 4 classrooms with 3 being at Parkside and 1 at EAWR High school. The dates for the High School program at EAWR are June 6, 2022-July 21, 2022 and the dates for the Elementary program at Parkside in Bethalto are June 13, 2022-July 8, 2022. There are currently 24 students enrolled in ESY. Related services offered for ESY are OT, PT, Speech therapy and Music therapy.

PROGRAMS**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs, and number of staff and students in each program. She informed the board we currently have 50 students enrolled in our programs. Mrs. Lenger informed the board we have finally found staff to fill all ESY positions. Mrs. Lenger presented a chart of programs and potential students for next school year. She provided a chart showing the Behavior Coach's hours at each district through April. She stated she will provide final numbers for Behavior Coach's hours next month.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Brad Tuttle moved to go into closed session at 1:38 p.m. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried. Dr. Griffin moved to come

out of closed session at 1:57 p.m., Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger discussed Social Emotional Support Services being offered by Mary Pearson, school psychologist. She stated the need is significant and Mrs. Pearson had to add a day. She let the board know that next school year will be Mrs. Pearson's last year. We will look at what our students' needs are for the following school year regarding social emotional support.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she received 4 resignation letters. She stated we will be losing 2 teachers and 2 paraprofessionals. One teacher and 2 paraprofessionals from our Journeys program and 1 teacher from our CLIP program.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Monty Aldrich moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the bills, lease agreements with East Alton, Wood River Hartford and Jersey and employment of ESY staff as presented. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

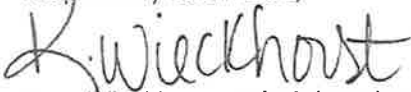
ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****June 15, 2022****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order remotely via Google Meet by Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson, at 1:31 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present: Mr. Monty Aldrich, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Brad Tuttle, Mr. Kyle Hacke, Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance: Dr. Jill Griffin

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Mario Sherrell

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger stated to the board that the districts take turns providing vision and hearing screenings for the students at Journeys. This year Bethalto will provide the service.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that per the joint agreement Dr. Pat Anderson will serve as this year's Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Lenger reminded the board that the restraint and time out plans are due by July 1, 2022. The plans and yearly progress reports should be submitted via email by the July 1, 2022 due date. Mrs. Lenger offered to help any district that needs assistance in completing the plans.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Journeys celebrated its 10-year anniversary during their graduation ceremony. She shared with the board messages written from parents and students.

PROGRAMS**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board members a list of Region programs for next school year, and the projected number of staff and students in each program. She shared numbers for ESY and staff members working. She also shared the hours for the behavior coach through May.

She provided the board with isolation and restraint numbers for the current year. She shared data from 19-20 school year showing 92 incidents of isolation and 159 incidents of restraint to the current year with zero incidents within member districts. She stated she is very happy with her staff and their efforts to use de-escalation techniques with the students.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Monty Aldrich moved to go into closed session at 1:41 p.m. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Mr. Brad Tuttle moved to

come out of closed session at 2:06 p.m., Dr. Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with members voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Lenger discussed the PRESS policy that discussed the time limit on public comment during board meetings. She asked the board for their input, and they suggested to go with the PRESS policy recommendation. They stated it was the first reading and it could be changed before the final reading.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Brad Tuttle moved to approve the Consent Agenda including the bills, regular and closed session minutes, and renewal of Commercial Insurance as presented. Mr. Rob Miller seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lenger discussed with the board about changing the tuition billing to a combined billing of both programs instead of billing individually. The board recommended to wait and see how the numbers look as the year starts. She also proposed that the cooperative bill out on a monthly basis instead of three times a year. The board stated they prefer to be billed monthly. Since this was a policy change by the cooperative there is no need to vote on this matter.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Mr. Rob Miller seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lenger and the board agreed to table items 7.5 and 7.6 until the August board meeting.

Mr. Brad Tuttle moved to approve the hourly rate increase for the contractual therapists as presented. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brad Tuttle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Dr. Anderson seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held remotely, Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Dr. Pat Anderson, Chairperson