REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
August 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:08 am. Roll Call was as follows:

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

Not in attendance:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that there were 13 participants who attended the FBA (Functional Behavior Assessment) and BIP (Behavior Intervention Plan) training held on July 29th. In addition, 24 participants attended the PEAK and AIM training held in Bethalto, which was led by Dr. Dixon. Mrs. Lenger noted that Region III has been using PEAK and AIM for some time, but felt that certain components were not being fully implemented. She stated that the training served as a valuable refresher to ensure the programs are being implemented with fidelity. She and Genevieve Schuh, Region III's Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), discussed ways that Genevieve could offer ongoing support. Mrs. Lenger stated that Emergent Learning has implemented new features in the digital version of the program, which continues to evolve and allows for improved data tracking and analysis. Dr. Griffin shared that she had her first two Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) successfully complete and pass their training. Mrs. Lenger also reported that the beginning-of-the-year meeting took place on August 11th, during which most of the 46 staff members completed their CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) refresher training. She clarified that some staff members, such as the audiologist and secretary, are not required to complete CPI training. Regarding the start of the school year, Mrs. Lenger stated that the first day of school went very well, and she was able to visit all Region III programs. She shared that there are 10 new students this year, which has impacted classroom dynamics. A new AIM elementary classroom was added this year, serving 5 students in grades 2–5. The classroom is co-taught and supported by 2 paraprofessionals, and is located at Lewis & Clark Elementary School. Mrs. Lenger reported that the room is off to a great start, and staff are beginning to build strong relationships with students.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger presented the second reading of the FY 2026 Region III Special Education Budget. She provided a detailed breakdown of the tuition, administrative, and in-service budgets, along with staffing and program-specific updates. Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the tuition budget is divided between the CLIP program and the Journeys program, and she emphasized that the Journey to Success transition program is being kept separate due to Fund Code S claims. Staffing included in each portion of the tuition budget is as follows: **CLIP Program Budget**- 7 teachers and 13 paraprofessionals, **Journeys Program Budget**- 3 teachers and 3 paraprofessionals, Full-Time Substitute Teacher(Cost shared between CLIP and Journeys), **Journey to Success Program Budget**- 1 teacher and 1 paraprofessional. Additional staff included in the tuition budget is 1 Interpreter (housed in Bethalto), Hearing Itinerant, Vision Itinerant, Social Worker (1 day per week billed to Bunker Hill), Occupational and Physical Therapy staff (OT/PT), Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Audiologist, and 2 Speech-Language Pathologists (one of whom is shared between Bethalto and East Alton). The total tuition budget amounts to **$2,400,308.64**. Mrs. Lenger reported that there were unspent funds from the previous year totaling $24,397.14, which have rolled over into the current year's budget. The total administrative budget is **$315,548.43**. The in-service (professional development) budget is based on 2% of the IDEA funds from participating districts, totaling **$34,370.60**. The overall FY 2026 Region III budget is **$2,750,227.67**. Mrs. Lenger provided a comparison to the FY 2025 budget, stating that the FY 2026 budget reflects a decrease of just over 2% overall. This includes a 1% reduction in tuition expenses and an 11% reduction in the administrative budget, largely due to the carryover of unspent funds. She also shared that last year required the addition of paraprofessionals due to an increase in student enrollment. Accordingly, the FY

2026 budget includes funding for one additional paraprofessional. Mrs. Lenger noted that one classroom began the school year with 3 students and now has 5 students, and she will be posting for the paraprofessional position to meet that classroom's needs.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a comprehensive list of current employees and their program placements. She reiterated that an additional paraprofessional position would be added, as previously discussed, to accommodate the addition of students in our programs.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger presented an update on student enrollment by district, sharing the number of students currently placed in Region III programs: **Southwestern** – 5 students, **Bethalto** – 13 students, **Bunker Hill** – 5 students, **Wood River-Hartford** – 6 students, **East Alton-Wood River** – 11 students, **East Alton** – 9 students
She noted a significant recent change in enrollment, stating that East Alton had 7 students with IEPs move into the district within the past 24 hours, impacting service and staffing needs.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Resignations
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she received resignations from the following staff members:
Allie Kesler, Teacher, who has accepted a position with Roxana. Amanda Dilks, Paraprofessional, who will be working for East Alton. Ellie Hamberg, Paraprofessional, who has accépted a position in Jerseyville to be closer to home.

RTO Training Requirements
Mrs. Lenger discussed the RTO training requirements with the Board. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that all staff who are trained in CPI complete the required training. This includes a total of 8 hours of training, which may incorporate the 3-hour CPI refresher training. In addition, staff must complete training in five areas, including crisis prevention, restorative practices, and trauma. While the State does not specify the number of hours required in each area, this training must be completed annually. Mrs. Lenger noted that Beth Bequette, coordinator at WRH District had developed a form for her staff to document completed training, and she has recreated this form for Region III staff to use in tracking their training. She also shared that this matter was discussed with all coordinators during the most recent coordinators' meeting.

Medicaid Billing/Service Logs
Mrs. Lenger reported that she and the coordinators discussed Medicaid Billing and Service Logs. She noted that Katie Wieckhorst reviewed the updates and procedures for staff billing for Medicaid. Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she is going to require her related service staff to use the service logs in Embrace, regardless of Medicaid eligibility. This serves as the service log that is required to be submitted to parents upon request. Embrace performs a monthly check to determine Medicaid eligibility; if a student is not eligible, claims are not submitted, but the service logs remain available should they be requested and serves as documentation that the service minutes occurred.

Press Policy 119 Update: First Reading
Mrs. Lenger asked the Board about Policy 2.10, Cooperative Governance, regarding Governing Board Meetings, specifically whether the language could be updated from "U.S. mail" to "email." The Board agreed to the change. Mrs. Lenger also inquired about Policy 5.20, an exhibit resolution to prohibit sexual harassment, noting that it includes a form for the Governing Board to sign. The Board stated that this is not a policy and does not need to be provided to the Governing Board. Dr. Bowman asked if all members had completed the CPR Plan, noting that it is a new law and must be shared with staff following the crisis management meeting. The board members stated they are in the process.

Administrative and Teacher Salary Report
Mrs. Lenger provided the board with the administrative and teacher salary report.

FY 26 Budget, 2nd Reading
Mrs. Lenger shared the budget with the board for the second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve Press Policy 118 as presented. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the employment of Amanda Peebles, Teacher. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the employment of Hannah Perkins, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Lily Kolesa, Paraprofessional. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Kansas McLain, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the employment of Jacob Hilkery, Paraprofessional. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Jessica Lorts, Occupational Therapist. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the closed board meeting minutes from January 2025 to June 2025, stay closed. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the Region III FY 26 Budget. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Pat Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING
The Governing Board Meeting will be held at Casetelli's Moonlight Restaurant on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The Executive Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
August 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 6:17 pm. Roll call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan, Dr. Kevin Bowman, and Dr. Pat Anderson

Not Present:

Visitors: Mr. Todd Meiser, Bethalto Board Member, Mr. Logan Sims, East Alton Board Member, Mrs. Mary Scroggins, East Alton Wood River High School Board Member, Mrs. Julie Fulton, Bunker Hill Board Member, Mrs. Donna Loy, Southwestern Board Member, and Mr. Steve Scroggins, Wood River Hartford Board Member

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no visitors with public comments.

FINANCIAL
Mrs. Lenger presented the FY 2026 Region III Special Education Budget to the board. She explained that the budget is composed of two primary components: the Tuition Budget and the Administrative Budget. Additionally, 2% of IDEA funds that flow through the districts are requested annually to support professional development.
The total proposed FY 2026 budget is $2,750,227.67.
The tuition portion of the budget totals $2,400,308.64 and includes expenses for salaries, benefits, purchased services, and supplies and materials. Personnel supported by the tuition budget include 8 teachers in the CLIP programs, 1 full-time substitute teacher, 14 paraprofessionals, 3 teachers at Journeys School, one who is also the principal, 3 paraprofessionals at Journeys School, related service staff, including a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Audiologists, Social Worker, 2 Speech-Language Pathologists, and the Occupational and Physical Therapy staff.
The administrative portion of the budget totals $315,548.43 and covers salaries for the Director, Secretary, and Bookkeeper. Mrs. Lenger noted that $24,397.14 in unspent funds from the prior year were applied to offset administrative expenses, contributing to an 11% decrease in the administrative budget compared to FY25.
The professional development (inservice) budget totals $34,370.60, representing 2% of the IDEA funds and broken down by each participating district.
Mrs. Lenger also shared a comparison between the FY25 and FY26 budgets, highlighting that the total proposed FY26 budget of $2,750,227.67 represents a decrease of just over 2% from the previous fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Dr. Pat Anderson Seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Board Secretary

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson at 6:23 pm. Roll Call was as follows:

Present:
Dr. Kevin Bowman, Southwestern District 9
Donna Loy, Southwestern District 9
Dr. Patrick Anderson, Wood River Hartford District 15
Steve Scroggins, Wood River Hartford District 15
Dr. Jill Griffin, Bethalto District 8
Todd Meiser, Bethalto District 8
Mrs. Nancy Werden, East Alton District 13
Logan Sims, East Alton District 13
Mr. Rob Miller, East Alton Wood River District 14
Mary Scroggins, East Alton Wood River District 14
Dr. Todd Dugan, Bunker Hill District 8
Julie Fulton, Bunker Hill District 8

Not Present:

Mr. Todd Meiser moved to approve the August 2024-June 2025 minutes and past actions of the Region III Special Education Executive Board as presented. Mrs. Mary Scroggins seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with members voting Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lenger presented the FY26 Budget. There were no questions. Mr. Steve Scroggins made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget as presented. Mrs. Julie Fulton seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken with members voting Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Julie Fulton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm. Mrs. Mary Scroggins seconded. Motion carried with members voting Aye 6, Nay-0.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Wieckhorst
Katie Wieckhorst, Board Secretary

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:06 pm. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance: Mrs. Nancy Werden

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the Administrators' Training will be held on Thursday, October 9th, at Julia's Banquet Center in the evening. She stated that she shared the flyer with the board in their packet and will also share it with the coordinators during their meeting this Friday.
She noted that Attorney Aimee LeBlanc will be presenting on *"Legally Defensible Practices: Behavior Management to Meeting Management."* Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., followed by a buffet-style dinner and the presentation.
Mrs. Lenger also shared that Attorney LeBlanc will present again on Friday, October 10th, for Institute Day from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Additional presentations will include Angie Darden on *"Brain Development and Exposure to Adversity"* and Kate Green, LPC, on *"Self-Harm."*
She further stated that there will be roundtable discussions for psychologists, nurses, social workers, and SLPs. The Institute Day presentations will be held at Trimpe Middle School in the library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget. She mentioned that she has begun purchasing Chromebooks to replace them gradually, noting that they are very expensive.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she received a resignation and another one by email over the weekend. She stated that she began the year with one paraprofessional vacancy, so the program is currently down three paraprofessionals. She mentioned that she reassigned a paraprofessional from Klaudia Taul's room at Bethalto East to Maggie Meyer's room at East Alton Middle School to cover one of the vacancies. Mrs. Lenger informed the board that any referrals for paraprofessionals would be appreciated.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that she started the school year with 10 new students and has placed 9 additional students since the beginning of the year. She stated that there are currently 54 students enrolled across all programs.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
RBT Training Program
Mrs. Lenger shared with the board a breakdown of staff from each district who completed the RBT Training Program. She reported that there was one participant from Bunker Hill, three from Bethalto, and one from Region III, as well as one individual who started late and will take her test next week.
She informed the board that the training has been revamped for the current school year, and a new program has been selected that is more aligned with school-based practices. Mrs. Lenger noted that Genevieve spent considerable time over the summer researching the various training options available. The new program is more cost-effective, and Genevieve will also be providing additional in-person training for staff. Dr. Bowman asked

whether districts are providing their paraprofessionals with a stipend for completing the training. The board members stated that each district is paying a yearly stipend to paraprofessionals once their training is completed. Mrs. Lenger mentioned that Genevieve has been at Southwestern assisting a new teacher with setting up PEAK/ABA for her students. Dr. Griffin suggested offering paraprofessional training as professional development, noting that students' needs are becoming increasingly challenging. Mrs. Lenger shared that Kim Hood provides paraprofessional training for her staff, covering topics such as behavioral management, functions of behavior, how to review a BIP, and how to complete an ABC form. She added that the training is very beneficial and helps staff learn to use positive language when working with students.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation
Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an overview of how the district is beginning the preparation process for the cyclical monitoring which will begin next school year. She shared that she attended a webinar, which outlined that the Director is responsible for overseeing this process. She noted that all districts will go through the process, and a monitoring tool will be used, which may change by next year. Part of the process includes reviewing current policies and procedures.

Mrs. Lenger outlined the following steps for staff:

1. **IEP Development and Progress Monitoring:** All staff are asked to meet with their case managers to review IEP development, implementation, and progress reporting. This should be an ongoing process.

2. **Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) Policy and Procedures:** Staff should review the BIP policy and procedures. Mrs. Lenger acknowledged that districts are currently working on their own policies. She is finalizing her draft and plans to bring it to the board for approval in October.

3. **Sample Behavior Policy and Guidance Document:** A sample behavior policy and procedure, along with a state guidance document detailing the process, are available for reference. Mrs. Lenger emphasized that a committee, including parents, is required to complete this by November.

She also reported that the special education procedures are being updated, incorporating recommended changes from Teri Engler, which will be presented to the board for approval. Updates include procedures related to TMC Meetings, disciplinary action, procedural safeguards, and parental participation in IEPs.

Regarding IEP reviews:

- Each district will receive a list of students' IEPs for review. Bethalto will review 15 students; all other districts will review 10 students.

- Unlike last year, when the Director conducted all reviews, this year reviews will be completed by different committees.

- After completing the IEP review checklist, it will be submitted to the state, which will select 5 IEPs from each district for further review.

Mrs. Lenger stated she will be working with the coordinators this Friday to support this process.

Press Policy 119 Update: Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger asked if the board had any questions regarding Press Policy Update 119. The board did not have any questions.

Resignation
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she received a resignation letter from paraprofessional Jacob Hilkey for medical reasons.

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

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve Press Policy 119 as presented. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the Resolution to Dispose of Equipment. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 am. Dr. Pat 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 on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
October 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:11 pm. Roll Call was as follows:

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

Not in attendance: Dr. Patrick Anderson, Dr. Todd Dugan

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Administrators' Training/Institute Day
Mrs. Lenger reported to the Board that the Administrators' Training held on Thursday, October 9th, at Julia's Banquet Center, and the Institute Day on Friday, October 10th, were both successful.

Dr. Jill Griffin inquired about attendance at the Administrators' Training. Mrs. Lenger noted that attendance was lower than anticipated and stated she is considering including Educational Support Personnel (ESPs) in future sessions to encourage broader participation. She also mentioned that differences in district calendars make it difficult to plan training dates that accommodate everyone. Mrs. Lenger suggested initiating a conversation with the Regional Offices of Education (ROE) for Jersey and Macoupin Counties to explore ways to align district calendars and institute days moving forward. Board members expressed skepticism that this issue could be fully resolved.

Mrs. Lenger also shared with Dr. Bowman that his district's new teacher for the Autism classroom had the opportunity to shadow in Klaudia Taul's classroom during a recent half-day, and that Klaudia plans to visit the new teacher's classroom during her next half-day.

Mrs. Lenger stated she received positive feedback from staff indicating that the Institute Day training was highly relevant to current challenges they are facing. She informed the Board that Angie Darden from Refuge 4 Kids presented on *"Brain Development and Exposure to Adversity"* and was an excellent speaker, particularly for topics related to trauma. In addition, Kim Green, LPC, from Koen Counseling presented on *"Self-Harm."* The presenter emphasized the importance of discussing self-harm openly with students, identifying their triggers, and developing strategies to support them.

Mrs. Lenger concluded by expressing her hope that staff will feel more confident in assisting students experiencing these challenges.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported that she presented a Region Recognition Award to Dr. Kara Williams, Occupational Therapist, for her exceptional understanding of the whole student, her innovative ideas and support, and for developing treatment plans that teachers can effectively implement in the classroom.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized two paraprofessionals, Amber Deford and Cathy Davidson, from East Alton-Wood River High School, upon the recommendation of their classroom teacher, Marcy Tegel. She commended them for their dedication and outstanding support of the nine students in their classroom.

In addition, Mrs. Lenger recognized Kim Colvin, paraprofessional at Journeys, for stepping into the teaching role during the teacher's absence due to a family bereavement. Mrs. Lenger noted that Ms. Colvin did an excellent job and went above and beyond to ensure continuity of instruction and support for the students.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial

Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget. She informed the Board that the maintenance grant is scheduled to open tomorrow.

Mrs. Lenger also stated she is exploring options to replace the current Ring doorbell system in use at Journeys, noting that the system has not been functioning consistently and has been an ongoing issue.

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she interviewed three paraprofessional candidates whom she will be recommending for approval to hire; however, she noted that the program remains short one paraprofessional. She stated that the greatest current concern is the lack of available substitutes, reporting that Andy Allen is the only substitute available and that she is frequently required to shuffle staff to cover absences.

Mrs. Lenger also informed the Board that Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Jenna Massey will be out on maternity leave. She stated that the position has been posted for the entire year with no applicants, despite multiple outreach efforts and phone calls. Mrs. Lenger asked Board members how their districts are managing speech services. Board members responded that their SLP caseloads are full.

Mrs. Lenger shared that she and Ms. Massey had discussed possible solutions. Ms. Massey noted that during the Institute Day roundtable discussions, district SLPs also expressed that their caseloads were full. She suggested the possibility of hiring another full-time SLP to provide coverage during her leave and offer additional support to districts.

Mrs. Lenger also informed the Board that Bunker Hill is currently contracting with an outside agency for their SLP services. Board members agreed that hiring a full-time SLP would be beneficial and noted that it would be difficult to find a qualified candidate for a temporary or part-time position.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 54 students enrolled across all programs. She asked the Board if their districts are continuing to experience a large number of new student enrollments. Board members confirmed that they are, noting that they continue to see an influx of students moving into their districts.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board to let her know if any district staff members are interested in completing the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) program. She stated that the program is now up and running and that four of her staff members have committed to completing it.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation

Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that all districts are currently preparing for Cyclical Monitoring, focusing on the Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures. She reported that she reviewed Bethalto's MTSS manual and informed Jen Weber that the recommended revisions need to be made. Mrs. Lenger also noted that work is underway on the Special Education Procedures Manual, which will now require Board approval once completed.

Resignation

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she received a resignation letter from paraprofessional Lily Kolesa via email over the weekend. The resignation was submitted due to unforeseen family circumstances.

LEA Determination Letters

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that all Local Education Agency (LEA) Determination Letters have been sent out.

She reported that all districts met the required criteria except Bethalto, which did not meet due to its graduation rate.

Mrs. Lenger shared that the area that typically presents challenges for districts is Early Childhood Services, primarily due to students being pulled from the classroom for related services. She recommended that related service providers utilize a push-in model for treatment to better support students within the classroom environment.

Administrative Outreach Claims
Mrs. Lenger provided the Board with the amounts for their administrative outreach claims. She noted that Katie has been working closely with the districts on Medicaid billing to ensure that districts are receiving reimbursement for all eligible services.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills and regular board minutes. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the employment of Rachael Randall, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Sarah Stover, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the employment of Brittany Wahl, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 4-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 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, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
November 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:08 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Patrick Anderson, Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan

Not in attendance: Dr. Kevin Bowman

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Adopt-A-Family
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that Klaudia Taul is organizing the Adopt-A-Family program again this year. The program will support 16 families by providing gifts for the holidays.

Donations for Families
Mrs. Lenger reported that one of her teachers from the Journeys program recently made a Facebook post expressing concern for families struggling due to the current economic climate. Following the post, a friend reached out offering financial support, which led to additional community members contributing as well. As a result, the teacher received approximately $2,300 in donations to support families in need.

The teacher asked each student in the program to provide a list of supplies their family needed. Staff then used the donated funds to purchase the requested items. These supplies were delivered to families last week.

Mrs. Lenger also noted that Marcy Tegel, a teacher in the high school program, received a monetary donation from a parent of one of her students. The parent requested that the funds be used to support any student in need during the holiday season. Mrs. Tegel is using the donation to assist a family participating in the Adopt-a-Family program.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported that she recently presented Region Recognition Awards to the COTAs in acknowledgment of their efforts in collaborating with Dr. Kara Williams to expand understanding of the occupational therapy scope of practice within educational settings. This work has included exploring additional roles COTAs can support, such as fine motor tasks, sensory needs, and executive functioning skills. Mrs. Lenger noted that change can be challenging and emphasized that the process has been a learning experience for everyone, with continued growth underway.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized the district coordinators, commending their outstanding work, dedication, and ongoing efforts to make improvements, accommodate needs, and support necessary changes. She expressed her appreciation and wanted the superintendents to be aware of the high-quality work the coordinators are doing.

Art Gallery and Pictures with Santa
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the Art Gallery with Santa event will be held again this year. The event is scheduled for December 11th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. at East Alton Wood River High School in the Student Success Center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget. She noted that a significant portion of professional development funds had been utilized for the recent attorney-led

training session. Dr. Anderson commented on the presentation, stating that he was very impressed with both the quality of the session and the information provided.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she is still seeking to hire several paraprofessionals. She noted a particular need for an additional paraprofessional in Marcy Tegel's classroom, which currently serves nine students. She reported that during a crisis situation last week, both the teacher and one paraprofessional were required to assist, leaving the remaining paraprofessional responsible for the other eight students. Mrs. Lenger commended the paraprofessional for handling the situation effectively, but emphasized that adding another paraprofessional would provide needed support.

Mrs. Lenger also shared that her ideal staffing addition at this time would be a Social Worker/BCBA dedicated to working directly with parents. She explained that families need increased support and education in areas such as managing behaviors, toileting, and reducing excessive screen time. Dr. Griffin added that she has observed an increase in elementary students entering school without being potty-trained, without attending pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, and with limited parental engagement.

Mrs. Lenger inquired whether it would be possible to mandate parent education for families whose children attend a Region III program. Dr. Griffin stated she was unsure whether such a requirement could be mandated. Dr. Anderson agreed and suggested that if parent education opportunities are offered, providing childcare and transportation could improve participation.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 54 students enrolled across all programs. She noted four students are pending placement: one East Alton student for Lewis and Clark Junior High in Brittany Rabe's room; two East Alton–Wood River High School students, one for the Journeys program and one potentially for the Transition program next semester; and one Southwestern student for Klaudia Taul's room at Bethalto East. She also informed the Board that a student from Bunker Hill has returned to the district, and the transition appears to be going well.

Dr. Griffin asked about plans to address the elementary behavior classroom, which is currently full. Mrs. Lenger shared that she met with the coordinators last week as a group and is meeting with them individually this week to discuss their needs for the remainder of the year and for next year. She is considering whether it will be necessary to split the elementary behavior room, but expressed concern about having sufficient staffing and classroom space to add another room.

Mrs. Lenger also noted a potential need to split the middle school classroom, as some students require more academically focused instruction while others need more functional-skills support. She stated that she has already posted an additional teaching position after speaking with Dr. Anderson regarding available space in his building, but she has not received any applicants.

Mr. Miller asked whether adding a teacher referred to moving an existing teacher or hiring a new one. Mrs. Lenger explained she is considering moving one of the two teachers currently in the co-taught behavior room, noting that it is difficult to place a new, unfamiliar teacher into that type of setting. Mr. Miller then asked about the financial impact on the districts if a new teacher were hired. Mrs. Lenger stated she is unsure but noted that the current class has seven students, while she typically caps classrooms at six. Dr. Anderson mentioned he has a few students who could potentially be placed in that room.

Mr. Miller asked whether financial implications and possible tuition increases were being considered before posting new positions. Mrs. Lenger clarified that she is not planning to split the classroom until next year and that her current meetings with coordinators are intended to determine program needs for the next school year. Mr. Miller expressed concerns about rising out-of-district tuition due to an increasing number of students with significant needs moving into the district. Mrs. Lenger acknowledged this challenge, noting it is difficult to anticipate needs across program levels due to frequent district-level student move-ins.

Dr. Griffin asked whether permanent substitutes are utilized. Mrs. Lenger stated that Region III employs one permanent substitute and that Tammy Pickerill occasionally fills in as a paraprofessional and will be covering Jenna Massey's maternity leave. She added that staff are very flexible and willing to float to meet coverage needs.

Mrs. Lenger concluded by stating that her goal is to continue educating and supporting district staff so that students can remain in their home districts whenever possible, while also ensuring appropriate placement options are available for students who require a more specialized setting.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the RBT program is fully up and running and reported that Genevieve met with the Bethalto staff this week. She noted that four paraprofessionals are currently enrolled in the program. Mrs. Lenger shared that she has received positive feedback from staff who completed the training last year and expressed her hope to continue strengthening and improving the program.

Dr. Griffin commented that she is confident participation will continue to grow each year because the program is effective and consistently improving.

Mrs. Lenger also stated that she will be seeking Board approval for the employment of a paraprofessional, Hannah Weid, who is already RBT certified. Ms. Weid will be placed at Bethalto East with Klaudia Taul.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation

Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the cyclical monitoring process is ongoing. She reminded districts to continue working on their Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures and expressed her hope that all are making progress.

Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures, First Reading

Mrs. Lenger asked the Board if there were any questions regarding her Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures and offered assistance to superintendents who may need support in completing their own. She noted that several districts have already finalized their policies and received board approval.

Dr. Griffin inquired whether Bethalto's policy had been board-approved. Mrs. Lenger clarified that while the MTSS manual has been approved, the Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures have not yet received board approval.

Mrs. Lenger also informed Dr. Todd Dugan that she has not received any updates from Suzanne Spickerman regarding their district's policy and recommended that he check with her to determine whether it is completed and ready for board approval.

Special Education Procedures, First Reading

Mrs. Lenger stated that she received the Special Education Procedures Manual from the attorney's office and has made all recommended additions and changes as suggested by the attorney.

Transportation Times

Mrs. Lenger stated that she wanted to review all transportation times to ensure shared responsibility among staff. She noted that in the Journeys program, the IEPs reflect five hours of daily instruction, but occasionally this instruction time falls short. She acknowledged that, at times, districts may have drivers unavailable, making it unavoidable to pick up students early.

RIF Committee Meeting

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the RIF Committee will meet on Monday, November 24, 2025, to hold it before the required timeframe of December 1st.

AUDIT REPORT

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she did not invite Donna from the accountant's office to present the audit findings to alleviate that cost. She shared that the audit resulted in a clean opinion on the regulatory basis of accounting and confirmed there was sufficient cash to begin the year. On page 7, the other sources not classified elsewhere are $48,250, and that is for the additional leased premises at Journeys for our Transition Program. The offsetting expense shows as capital outlay on page 10. On pages 9 and 10 are the details of the expenditures. Salaries were up 23% from FY24, as well as benefits of 26%; however, purchased services were down 11%. Overall, the budget was marginally overspent by $371.00.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to enter into a closed session at 10:51 a.m. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Pat Anderson moved to come out of the closed session at 11:01 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, regular board minutes, and closed session minutes. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the employment of Hannah Weid, Paraprofessional with RBT certification. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the maternity leave of Jenna Massey, SLP, and Nichole Clowers, Teacher. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 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, December 17, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
December 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:06 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson, Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Todd Dugan

Not in attendance: Mrs. Nancy Werden

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Adopt-A-Family
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the Adopt-A-Family program this year served 28 families, totaling 48 children within those families.

Art Gallery and Pictures with Santa
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the Art Gallery event was held again this year on December 11, 2025, at the East Alton Wood River High School Student Success Center. Mrs. Lenger thanked Mr. Miller for hosting the event. She reported that the event was well attended, with two former students in attendance as well. She also noted that Santa and the Grinch were present at the event.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported that she recently presented Region Recognition Awards to several individuals. She recognized Mary Beth Paul for spearheading the Boost Groceries Project, which provided families with groceries and other essential supplies. Mrs. Lenger also recognized Leah Crook, paraprofessional at Bethalto East, for her growth and dedication in her role. Mrs. Lenger shared that she initially hired Ms. Crook when she first became director, but Ms. Crook did not complete her probationary period at that time. Ms. Crook reapplied three years ago and has since worked diligently to become one of the Region's top paraprofessionals.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized Kristy Duckels, Vision Itinerant, for her dedication to students. Mrs. Duckels supports a student from the O'Fallon School District who needed to attend a free vision clinic in Jacksonville. Due to the student's mother being disabled and unable to drive, Mrs. Duckels, who resides in Carlinville, traveled to O'Fallon to pick up the student and parent, transported them to the clinic for a 9:00 a.m. appointment, and then returned them home. Mrs. Lenger noted that Mrs. Duckels is currently in the process of organizing a vision clinic for local students at the Region office in January.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized Alyssa Montano, a former paraprofessional who recently earned her teaching credentials and now serves as the teacher in the Journey to Success classroom. Mrs. Lenger reported that Ms. Montano is doing an excellent job, along with her paraprofessional, Kim Green.

Journeys School Graduate
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that a Southwestern student graduated in December and became the program's 56th graduate.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she is continuing efforts to hire several paraprofessionals. She also shared that Nicky Clowers, a teacher at Lewis and Clark Elementary, worked last Friday and delivered her twin babies this past Monday. Mrs. Lenger reported that she was unsuccessful in filling Ms. Clowers' maternity leave position and is continuing to work on securing coverage, as it is a high-needs classroom.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 56 students enrolled across all programs. She noted a possible incoming student from Wood River–Hartford and one new student scheduled to begin in the Journey to Success program in January from East Alton–Wood River High School. Mrs. Lenger stated that she recently met with coordinators to discuss program needs for the upcoming school year. She reported higher enrollment at the elementary level, specifically in grades 2–5, for both the Autism and Behavioral Disorder (BD) classrooms. Mrs. Lenger shared that she is planning to split the BD classroom and teaching staff for next year and is currently working to identify a location for the second classroom.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
RBT Training Program
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) program is fully operational and progressing well. She reported that Region III currently has three paraprofessionals, and Bethalto has two paraprofessionals enrolled in the RBT training program. Mrs. Lenger also stated that Genevieve is currently supervising certified RBTs, including two from Region III—one assigned to Journeys School and one to Bethalto East—three from Bethalto, one from Bunker Hill, and one from East Alton–Wood River High School.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the cyclical monitoring process is ongoing. She informed Dr. Todd Dugan and Dr. Jill Griffin that she will consult with their special education coordinators regarding their Behavior Intervention Policies and Procedures.

Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures, Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger asked the Board if there were any questions regarding her Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures and informed the Board that approval of Region III's policy would be requested during the action items portion of the meeting.

Special Education Procedures, Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger stated that she will be requesting Board approval of the Special Education Procedures Manual during the action items portion of the meeting and that all districts will utilize the manual.

Journeys School Building Update
Mrs. Lenger provided the Board with an update on the building. She reported ongoing roof leaks that have persisted for approximately one year. The repair work was originally scheduled to begin on August 1, 2025; however, the project was delayed due to an issue involving an Ameren utility line attached to the building that must be relocated. Mrs. Lenger explained that the church and Ameren are currently disputing responsibility for moving the line. In the interim, additional snowfall and subsequent melting have caused further leaking, resulting in a portion of the hallway ceiling collapsing onto the floor last week. Kim initially cleaned up the affected area. Mrs. Lenger noted that the church has been responsive and has selected a new company to complete the school-side roof repairs, which are expected to begin as soon as possible.

FY 26 Maintenance Grant
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she will be seeking approval to complete an application for a maintenance grant. She reported that two companies inspected the roof, which is over 25 years old and has venting issues. Darr Roofing provided an estimate of $19,880, and Eagle Home Improvement's estimate was $21,864. Mrs. Lenger stated that Darr Roofing appears to be a highly reputable company and is the company the church plans to use to replace the roof at Journeys School.

Mrs. Lenger also noted that Journeys School requires an updated door access system to replace the current Ring system, with a cost of $5,602. Additionally, she shared that a company provided a bid of $12,180 to replace ceiling tiles, which are sagging, stained, and in poor condition. Using the Darr Roofing bid, the total estimated cost for these improvements is $37,762. Mrs. Lenger provided the Board with a breakdown of the total costs by district.

FY 26 Excess Cost Application
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the FY 26 Excess Cost Application is due January 15, 2026.

Alternate Assessment-Justification and Assurances Survey
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that all districts, regardless of whether they use the DLM, are required to complete a survey opening on February 13, 2026, and submit a Justification and Assurance form. She stated that she will provide reminders to ensure all necessary steps are completed.

CLOSED SESSION
Mr. Rob Miller moved to enter into a closed session at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to come out of the closed session at 10:39 a.m. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills, regular board minutes, and closed session minutes. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Maintenance Grant FY26 application completion. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Behavior Interventions Policies and Procedures Manual. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the Region III Cooperative Special Education Procedures Manual. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 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, January 21, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
January 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:10 am. Roll Call was as follows:

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

Not in attendance: Dr. Todd Dugan

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Low Vision Clinic
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that Region III is hosting a Low Vision Clinic that will be held at the Region III office on January 28 to improve accessibility for nine local students. The clinic is being organized by Kristy Duckles, Vision Itinerant Teacher, who typically travels to Jacksonville with students to attend the Low Vision Clinic. Hosting the clinic locally will significantly reduce travel time and burden for students and families while better supporting the needs of our local students.

IAASE Winter Conference
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the IAASE Winter Conference is scheduled for February 26–27 in Champaign. She mentioned that she and the coordinators plan to stay in a rented house to reduce lodging expenses. Mrs. Lenger stated the conference is both a team-building experience as well as a professional development opportunity.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported that she recently presented Region Recognition Awards for December. Mrs. Lenger praised Kim Hood for being a wonderful educator and providing exceptional support to staff, parents, and students. Her dedication and responsiveness are greatly appreciated.

Genevieve Schuh was recognized for effectively managing her professional responsibilities while navigating personal challenges resulting from a house fire. Her perseverance and professionalism were commended. Mrs. Lenger noted that Genevieve continues to uphold the principles of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), demonstrating flexibility, resilience, and value-driven action even during times of adversity.

Mrs. Lenger shared that she received an email from a former student, now a junior at East Alton–Wood River High School, reporting that they made the honor roll for the first time. Mrs. Lenger highlighted the student's continued progress, noting that they are now excelling both academically and socially. The student's growth was attributed to sustained support, consistency, and targeted interventions provided during their time in the program. Mrs. Lenger celebrated with the student with a lunch visit.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget through January.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she is continuing her efforts to hire a paraprofessional to have on staff as a permanent substitute.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 56 students enrolled across all programs. She stated a new student was just placed in the elementary behavior classroom replacing a student who returned to their home district. Mrs. Lenger presented the board the proposed needs for next year after recently meeting with coordinators.

Expansion of Behavior and Autism Classrooms

- The Bethalto East Autism classroom will open with five students, an increase from four students currently enrolled.
- The Lewis and Clark Autism classroom will begin the school year with five students, including returning students who are advancing grades and newly placed students.
- The Lewis and Clark elementary behavior classroom is projected to begin with eight students. To better support student needs, the program will be divided into two smaller classrooms, each staffed by one teacher.
- Due to space constraints at Lewis and Clark Elementary, Mrs. Lenger proposed the relocation of the autism classroom. Alternative locations under consideration include Bethalto and potentially Bunker Hill.
- Lewis and Clark Junior High behavior classroom would start with five students.
- The East Alton Middle School classroom will open with eight students, up from seven. Plans include splitting the classroom to improve management and provide more individualized support. Mrs. Lenger proposed moving the additional classroom to Lewis and Clark Junior High to support students with Autism. This would require hiring an additional teacher.
- The high school special education program will begin with six students, reflecting current enrollment and identified support needs.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) program is fully operational and progressing well. She reported that Region III currently has three new paraprofessionals in the program. Upon completion of the program, Region III will have a total of five RBTs. Mrs. Lenger stated that Genevieve is currently supervising certified RBTs which consists of 5% of their time working with students. Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the next step is working with coordinators to add the RBTs to student's IEPs as a service and bill Medicaid for the services they are providing.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the cyclical monitoring process is focusing on the district's completion of their Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures. Mrs. Lenger mentioned to Dr. Jill Griffin that she will consult with Jen Weber regarding the completion of their Behavior Intervention Policies and Procedures, which has to be approved by their board.

Special Education Procedures Manual
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she shared the Special Education Procedures Manual with the coordinators and it needs to be posted or linked to their website.

Journeys School Building Update
Mrs. Lenger provided the Board with an update on the Journeys School building. She reported that the church has hired Darr Roofing to replace the roof and they plan to start as soon as possible, weather permitting.

FY 26 Maintenance Grant
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the FY26 Maintenance Grant has been approved. She reported that she is

currently coordinating with contractors to schedule the work so that project activities can begin in a timely manner.

FY 26 Excess Cost Application
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the FY 26 Excess Cost Application due date was extended to March 16, 2026.

FY 25 Special Education Reimbursement Level

CLOSED SESSION
Mr. Rob Miller moved to enter into a closed session at 10:36 a.m. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Pat Anderson moved to come out of the closed session at 10:47 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. Pat Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills, regular board minutes, and closed session minutes. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Autumn Greenberg, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Kaylie Stahlhut, Paraprofessional. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the closed board meeting minutes from July 2025 to December 2025 stay closed. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the additional certified teaching position for 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Pat Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 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, February 18, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
February 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:08 am. Roll Call was as follows:

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

Not in attendance:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Special Olympics
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that Region III is planning a Special Olympics event to be held on May 2, 2026, at East Alton Wood River High School. She mentioned there has been significant interest and positive discussion surrounding this initiative. We are modeling our efforts after the successful event hosted by the Bethalto School District and are working to expand this opportunity to our other districts.

An additional planning session is scheduled for this Friday during the scheduled half-day. Following that meeting, we will be able to share more detailed information and next steps.

IAASE Winter Conference
Mrs. Lenger reminded the Board that the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education(IAASE) conference will take place next Thursday and Friday in Champaign, Illinois. She informed them that their coordinators will be attending and will be out of the district during that time.

Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Extended School Year (ESY) services have been scheduled. She stated the elementary students (K–8) will attend at Bethalto East Primary School from June 3 through July 1, and the high school students will attend at East Alton–Wood River High School from June 1 through July 2.

Mrs. Lenger reported to the board that at this time, 21 students from our programs have been identified as eligible for ESY services. She informed the board that she has not yet received final eligibility lists from the districts; however, she anticipates additional students from Wood River-Hartford School District #15 and potentially from East Alton as well. She stated that additional updates will be provided as that information becomes available.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that ESY staff positions have been posted.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that Region Recognition for last month was awarded to Isabel Montano, a paraprofessional currently housed at East Alton Middle School. She mentioned that she earned her short-term substitute license this year and has substituted several days in Mrs. Meyer's classroom. Mrs. Lenger stated she received feedback from staff that indicated the classroom ran seamlessly under her leadership, and she did an outstanding job stepping into the role. Mrs. Lenger reported that a conversation was held with Isabel regarding pursuing a teaching certificate; while Isabel is not interested at this time, Mrs. Lenger will continue to encourage her professional growth.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized Kaylee Nicosia, Speech-Language Pathologist, who is shared between Bethalto Community Unit School District 8 and East Alton School District #13. Mrs. Lenger stated she has been a valuable

addition to the team, demonstrating flexibility while working across two districts with differing procedures. She approaches her responsibilities with professionalism and works diligently to support students in both settings.

Mrs. Lenger additionally recognized Andy Allen, permanent substitute teacher, for his exceptional work with students. Mrs. Lenger mentioned that he regularly incorporates STEAM lessons into his assignments, including projects that involve motors, electricity, and woodworking. She informed the board that he is currently attending a 3D printer training through the Regional Office of Education to expand his knowledge and enhance learning opportunities for students through additional hands-on projects.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Financial

Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget through February. She stated that both the CLIP and Journeys programs have exceeded 80% of their allocated supply budgets, and the administration is closely monitoring expenditures and working to gain better control of supply costs moving forward.

Mrs. Lenger mentioned that a significant portion of supply spending appears to be related to reinforcers and student store items. She informed the board that a discussion had taken place regarding the importance of aligning reinforcers with the function of student behavior. Given that many students demonstrate attention-seeking behaviors, the team is reviewing the appropriateness of certain tangible rewards and considering more function-based reinforcement strategies. She also stated that additional staff training is being planned, in collaboration with Kim Hood, to strengthen understanding of matching reinforcers to behavioral function and to improve budgeting practices for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Lenger reported that professional development expenditures were also discussed. She stated that there have been numerous requests for training opportunities this year. Mrs. Lenger mentioned that while Dr. Kara Williams, Occupational Therapist, has shown strong initiative in pursuing professional growth and sharing knowledge with staff, conversations have occurred regarding the overall cost of professional development and the need for a more structured, long-term plan. Mrs. Lenger also mentioned that adjustments were made to some professional development activities this year to remain within budget parameters.

Personnel

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that at this time, nearly all positions for the upcoming school year have been filled. One teaching position remains open, along with a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) position that will be vacant due to retirement. The COTA position has been posted, and applications have been received; however, no applications have been submitted for the open teaching position.

Discussion followed regarding current hiring trends in special education. Dr. Griffin reported that while applicants have been received within her district, they are primarily internal candidates—individuals who have participated in accelerated programs, completed student teaching placements, or previously served as paraprofessionals within the district. Recruitment efforts have included outreach to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, which has yielded one external candidate, while the remaining applicants have been internally developed.

Current Programs

Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 55 students enrolled across all programs. Mrs. Lenger stated a new student from East Alton School District #13 began services today. In addition, a placement meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Wood River-Hartford School District #15 to discuss a potential new student placement. Mrs. Lenger mentioned that there are currently seven students in Brittany Raby's classroom. This classroom is a behavior-focused program modeled after the Journeys program and is housed at the junior high level.

Mrs. Lenger and the Board discussed enrollment trends. Enrollment was 54 students in September. Although five students exited at semester due to moves, graduation, or placement changes, subsequent referrals and new placements have maintained relatively stable overall enrollment numbers.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program

Mrs. Lenger provided an update on the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training program. She stated that the program continues to move forward, and Genevieve is scheduled to meet this Friday with trainees who are currently preparing for their certification exam.

Mrs. Lenger and Dr. Griffin discussed the possibility of limiting the number of staff participating in the RBT training program at one time to ensure adequate supervision capacity. The initial cohort included six trainees; three completed the certification process relatively quickly, while three have progressed more slowly due to the rigor and time commitment required. Based on these experiences, consideration is being given to limiting future cohorts to ensure Genevieve can effectively meet supervision requirements.

Mrs. Lenger reported that Genevieve was initially capped at supervising 20 RBTs. She is currently supervising six certified RBTs and has approximately five additional individuals in various stages of training (two from Dr. Griffin's district and three from Region III, though one candidate has since withdrawn). She stated that ongoing monitoring of supervision capacity will continue as more staff complete certification to ensure appropriate oversight and scheduling.

Mrs. Lenger also noted that the next step will involve incorporating RBT services into eligible students' IEPs when appropriate. Mrs. Lenger stated she has been having conversations with the coordinators to begin this process. For students who require RBT-level support, this service may be included in the IEP and is eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation

Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the cyclical monitoring process is focusing on the district's completion of its Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures. Mrs. Lenger stated that Suzanne, coordinator from Bunker Hill, has submitted their district's intervention plan and procedures, which had previously been approved by the Board, while Jen, coordinator from Bethalto, is finalizing the plan by incorporating academic information. Dr. Griffin noted that approval of their district's Behavior Intervention Policy and Procedures is scheduled for the February 26th board meeting.

Mrs. Lenger emphasized that this work is part of the district's preparations for the upcoming school year.

Journeys School Building Update

Mrs. Lenger reported that a new roof has been installed over Journey School. The work was completed over a single weekend, and the roofing company did an excellent job. During the recent heavy rain, no leaks were reported in the school. Some additional roofing work remains on the church side of the building.

Mrs. Lenger stated that interior repairs, including ceilings and walls affected by prior water damage, will be completed by a separate contractor. She mentioned that communication from the contractors has been positive, and they are working to minimize disruption to the school day. Mrs. Lenger noted that staff, including Kim Hood, are relieved that temporary measures, such as placing buckets for leaks, are no longer necessary.

Journeys School 2026-2027 Calendar

Mrs. Lenger presented the proposed calendar for Journey School for the upcoming school year. The tentative start date for teachers is August 10, with institute days scheduled for August 10 and 11. Students are expected to begin on August 12. Additional institute days are planned for October 9 and January 4. Two school improvement half-days are scheduled for September 25 and April 23, intended for full staff professional development.

Dr. Dugan noted that there is a 95% likelihood that Election Day will be declared a holiday. Mrs. Lenger explained that if this occurs, the schedule would swap with Cashmere Pulaski Day.

Mrs. Lenger also requested a schedule adjustment for one classroom at Bethalto Community Unit School District 8. Currently, April 23 is a half-day for all programs except Bethalto. She proposed allowing the students in that classroom to attend a full day on April 30, when a professional development afternoon is planned, and dismiss early on April 23 instead. Dr. Griffin approved the change. Mrs. Lenger will notify the transportation department, parents, and staff of the adjustment.

Region III Cooperative Seniority List
Mrs. Lenger provided the board with a copy of the cooperative's seniority list.

Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification, February 13, 2026
Mrs. Lenger reminded the Board that the Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification is now open. She noted that even if a district does not have any students taking the alternative assessment, the form still must be completed in IWAS this year.

FY 26 Excess Cost Application
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the FY 26 Excess Cost Application due date was extended to March 16, 2026.

PRESS Policy Update 120, Second Reading
Mrs. Lenger presented the Press Policy 120 update for second reading. She noted that seven policies were excluded from the update because they are not part of the cooperative's policy manual. These exclusions include topics such as graduation requirements, transportation, and student fees, which are specific to the individual districts.

Region III Psychology Position
Mrs. Lenger opened a discussion with the board about the potential creation of a school psychologist position within Region III to better meet district needs. She shared salary information from neighboring districts for comparison. Based on the current salary schedule, and using the same placement level as the speech-language pathologist (Master's degree plus 32 hours due to required coursework), the proposed salary for a school psychologist would be $63,132. She noted that this amount appears comparable to surrounding districts and may eliminate the need to develop a separate salary schedule.

The board also discussed possible billing structures if the position were shared among districts. Options included charging a daily rate, similar to the current model for shared speech-language services, or an hourly rate to allow for more flexible access. If certain districts committed to set days each week, any remaining availability could be offered to other districts. It was emphasized that the position would need sufficient district participation to remain financially sustainable.

Board members spoke about the continued demand for psychological services and acknowledged that some districts have faced staffing shortages during the year. In those situations, district staff have taken on added responsibilities, including assisting with evaluations and assessments when psychologist coverage was limited.

The conversation also highlighted the broader contributions a school psychologist can make beyond evaluations and testing, such as supporting MTSS efforts, facilitating student groups, and addressing social-emotional and behavioral needs. Board members agreed that if a qualified candidate were identified, a shared arrangement among districts could provide stability and long-term benefit, especially given ongoing staffing challenges.

Director's Evaluation
The board informed Mrs. Lenger that they are tabling her evaluation till the March 25, 2026, board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills, regular board minutes, and closed session minutes. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the 2026-2027 Journeys School Calendar. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve Press Policy Update 120. Dr. Pat Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Pat Anderson moved to approve the retirement of Laurie Haselhorst, COTA, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Todd Dugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 am. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

KWieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
March 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:03 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
Special Olympics
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that planning and preparation for the Special Olympics event to be held on May 2, 2026, at East Alton Wood River High School are underway. She stated that she will share this information with district coordinators once available.

IAASE Winter Conference
Mrs. Lenger reported to the Board that she and the coordinators attended the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education(IAASE) conference in Champaign, Illinois on February 26th and 27th. She informed the board that she received positive feedback on the sessions attended by the coordinators.

Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Extended School Year (ESY) services have been scheduled. She stated she is in the process of trying to hire staff for extended school year, which has been difficult because no one wants to work over the summer.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger shared with the Board that the Region Recognition for the previous month was awarded to several staff members. Hannah Weid, Paraprofessional with RBT certification, was recognized for stepping in to cover teaching responsibilities and performing exceptionally well; Mrs. Lenger noted she has encouraged Hannah to pursue a teaching degree. Shawnery Davidson, PTA, was recognized for her reliability, strong support of staff and students, and willingness to assist with training as needed. Kristen Haider, Audiologist, was also recognized for her professionalism and service to 16 districts; she is contracted with BASSC for 30 days each school year and has provided valuable support to multiple districts navigating due process.

District Certification of Child Count
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the Certification of Child Count is due Friday, March, 27, 2026.

Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification
Mrs. Lenger reminded the Board that the Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification is now open and is due May 29, 2026. She noted that even if a district does not have any students taking the alternative assessment, the form still must be completed in IWAS this year.

District Consolidated Plan
Mrs. Lenger informed the board that the District Consolidated Plan is due May 1, 2026. Mrs. Lenger encouraged the board to complete the District Consolidated Plan early to expedite the approval of their grants.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial

Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget through March. She stated that the administration is closely monitoring expenditures and working to gain better control of supply costs moving forward.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that she has received an application for the School Psychologist position and that an interview is scheduled for the following morning. She reported that she has interviewed a candidate for a special education teaching position for the next school year and is awaiting their response. Mrs. Lenger also noted that two teaching positions remain open for the upcoming school year.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger reported that there are currently 55 students enrolled across all programs. She stated that enrollment is nearing capacity for the start of the next school year and that she is considering splitting classrooms to better meet student needs. Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the transition program for next year is projected to begin with four students, with one Southwestern student scheduled to tour the program this spring.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
RBT Training Program
Mrs. Lenger provided an update on the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training program. She reported that one of her staff members did not pass the certification exam but intends to retake it. Dr. Griffin noted that she has several staff members interested in participating in the program for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Lenger also shared that coordinators have begun incorporating RBT services into students' IEPs where appropriate.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that all manuals across the districts have been updated for the cyclical monitoring process. She reported anticipated counts for IEP reviews are 15 for Bethalto and 10 for all other districts. She mentioned it is a state-selected list and substitutions may be permitted for IEPs originating from private or residential placements. She noted that state timelines appear to be fluid, and monitoring could be deferred to the following year. Mrs. Lenger stated that the plan is to review IEP expectations with coordinators at the next meeting and to schedule beginning-of-year teacher training to improve compliance and overall quality.

Journeys School Building Update
Mrs. Lenger reported that a new roof has been installed over Journey School. She stated that interior repairs, including ceilings and walls affected by prior water damage, will be completed over the summer to avoid disruption during school hours. Mrs. Lenger noted that Kim Hood and her husband have implemented measures to improve safety and the appearance of the affected ceiling areas. She also shared that the church has experienced difficulty securing reliable assistance for routine maintenance issues.

CLOSED SESSION
Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to enter into a closed session at 10:32 a.m. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to come out of the closed session at 11:29 a.m. Dr. Jill Griffin 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 the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the preparation of the budget for FY27. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to approve the board meeting dates for the 26-27 school year. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the classroom lease agreements with Bethalto School District, East Alton School District, EAWRHS District, and WR/Hartford School District. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve an administrative staff salary increase of 5.5% for FY 27. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the maternity leave of Sarah Schroeder, COTA, from the first day of FY 27 school year through October 5, 2026. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of Sarah Sarandis, COTA, FTE 1.0 for FY 27. Mrs. Nancy Werden seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the addition of another Occupational Therapy Position, FY 27, to support Dr. Kara Williams with the addition of servicing the Southwestern School District . Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the Resolution of Non Renewal, First Year Certified Teacher, Amanda Peebles. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 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, April 15, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson, at 10:03 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Mrs. Kelly Decker(East Alton-Proxy), Mr. Rob Miller, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson, Mrs. Jen Weber(Bethalto-Proxy, arrived at 10:15 am)

Not in attendance: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Nancy Werden, Dr. Todd Dugan

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger reported on plans for Extended School Year (ESY) services and reviewed the program dates. Currently, 34 students are eligible for ESY services, and registration packets have been sent out to families. Final enrollment numbers will be determined once registrations are returned. The program is currently planned to include four elementary classrooms and one high school classroom. Mrs. Lenger also noted that staffing efforts are ongoing to fill remaining positions for the program.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported on the Region Recognition recipients for the past month. Melinda Kroeger was recognized following nominations from several staff members who expressed appreciation for her assistance with insurance and payroll matters, noting that she is consistently helpful, thorough, and supportive. Jodie Elliott, a paraprofessional working with Kim Hood at Journeys, was also recognized for her outstanding work in the classroom. Mrs. Lenger noted that Jodie frequently assumes classroom responsibilities when Ms. Hood is pulled away for other duties and does an excellent job managing the classroom and supporting students. Marcy Tegel, the East Alton-Wood River High School classroom teacher, was recognized for the significant progress she has made in her classroom this year. Mrs. Lenger highlighted Ms. Tegel's implementation of student self-assessments, noting that this can be especially challenging with students with special needs, and shared that she was impressed with her efforts and enthusiasm, including Ms. Tegel's comment that she "had fun writing an IEP." Mrs. Lenger also recognized Genevieve following Katie's nomination for going above and beyond to support students and staff. Mrs. Lenger explained that there are occasions when the Bethalto program is in session while other programs are not, and on one such day, the classroom was short-staffed. Although Genevieve was scheduled to be off that day, she volunteered to come in and assist in the classroom to ensure students were properly supported.

Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification
Mrs. Lenger shared reminders regarding the Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification paperwork. A discussion was held on whether the documents were completed last month, and it was noted that staff have been actively working on the requirements. Mrs. Lenger stated that the status would be checked and confirmed to ensure all paperwork is completed.

District Consolidated Plan
Mrs. Lenger discussed the District Consolidated Plan and noted that she had seen a due date of May 1st. A brief discussion was held regarding the timeline and related requirements.

TMC Meeting
Mrs. Lenger reported that the TMC Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, at 1:00 p.m. She shared that there appears to be an increased emphasis on districts formally presenting their plans for fund allocation. While districts previously only needed to maintain a plan, the process now requires the information to be presented in writing to

those attending the meeting. Mrs. Lenger noted that some coordinators have already completed this process, while others have not. She also shared that Beth Bequette had already submitted her letter outlining spending plans, even though the district has not yet received funding allocations. Discussions were also held regarding four homeschooled students whose coding appears to be incorrect in the system, an issue that has reportedly occurred over multiple years and will need to be corrected. Mrs. Lenger stated that allocation numbers have not yet been released, so funding amounts remain unknown. After the meeting, we will upload all forms and materials to a shared drive so that all districts have access to the information.

Vision and Hearing Screenings 26/27 School Year
Mrs. Lenger reported that vision and hearing screenings for the upcoming school year will be completed by the Bethalto School District.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger provided a budget update, reporting the percentage of funds expended in each area of the budget through April. She stated that the administration is closely monitoring expenditures and working to gain better control of supply costs moving forward. Mrs. Lenger also shared that the cooperative is exploring the purchase of new devices for the COTAs. Currently, staff primarily use iPads; however, the devices have not been meeting needs as effectively while staff document services during treatment sessions in an effort to reduce paperwork duplication and improve efficiency. Mrs. Lenger reported that the cooperative is considering purchasing newly released Apple Nano devices, which are approximately $499 each, before the end of the fiscal year and splitting the cost between the current and upcoming budget years.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger provided a personnel update and reported that the cooperative is continuing its search for a teacher for the next school year to replace Maggie Meyer, who will be moving to the Calhoun School District. Mrs. Lenger also stated that she and Katie will review paraprofessional staffing needs and determine the number of paraprofessionals needed for next year.

Mrs. Lenger shared that a paraprofessional working in the same classroom as Ms. Meyer recently informed the cooperative that she will not be returning next year and will be submitting her resignation letter. She explained that the employee, Isabel, plans to return to school to continue coursework in science and biology-related fields. As a result, an additional paraprofessional position will need to be filled for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Lenger also reported that the cooperative has received an application for the social worker position and that an interview will be scheduled in the near future.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger reviewed current and projected student enrollment numbers for the cooperative programs. She reported that the current enrollment is 55 students and that the projected enrollment at the start of the next school year is approximately 59 students. Mrs. Lenger explained that the projections are based on current student information, with some placements confirmed and others still under discussion as districts finalize placement decisions at the end of the school year.

Mrs. Lenger noted that several classrooms are expected to begin the school year near capacity. She discussed the middle school classroom, currently projected to have eight students, and shared that she had hoped to split the class; however, at this time, no additional teacher is available to staff a second classroom. Unless additional qualified applicants become available, the classroom will remain together. She also reported that one student in the classroom will be moving into eighth grade next year, and discussions are underway with Heather Strebel about transitioning the student to the high school program a year earlier to avoid multiple teacher transitions in consecutive years. Mrs. Lenger stated that this adjustment may slightly reduce the classroom size.

Mrs. Lenger further reported that the Journeys School program is currently projected to begin the year with 16 students, and that additional placement discussions are still ongoing. She explained that several student placement decisions between the high school program and Journeys School are still being considered. The discussion also included anticipated enrollment changes related to graduations from the Bethalto program in the following school year.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RBT Training Program

Mrs. Lenger reported that the Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) training program is going well. She stated that a meeting is scheduled with Genevieve next week to discuss planning for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Lenger provided an update on the current RBT certification status across districts. At Bethalto, there are currently three certified staff members and two additional staff members who are completing training. At East Alton-Wood River High School, one staff member is certified, and two additional staff members are currently working through the training program, for a total of four participants involved in training efforts. Mrs. Lenger also noted that Bunker Hill has one certified RBT within the district.

Mrs. Lenger encouraged continued monthly communication with districts to identify paraprofessionals who may be interested in RBT training or who may meet a building need for behavioral support services. She also discussed projected staffing needs for the upcoming year, noting that approximately three additional RBT-supported paraprofessional positions may be needed related to planned behavior positions, with at least two additional staff likely required. She added that discussions are ongoing regarding identifying paraprofessionals who may serve in RBT roles, depending on assigned classrooms and program needs for next year.

Cyclical Monitoring Preparation

Mrs. Lenger reported that cyclical monitoring continues. She stated that she has received Bunker Hill's policies and procedures and is currently reviewing them in collaboration with Suzanne to ensure that all required components are up to date and properly in place.

Journeys School Building Update

Mrs. Lenger reported that at the Journey School building, classroom ceiling repairs are scheduled to take place the day after the last student attendance day. She explained that the work had originally been planned for the final weeks of school; however, Kim coordinated with the contractors to postpone the repairs until after the school year ends to avoid disruption.

Mrs. Lenger noted that staff have been informed that classrooms must be fully prepared for the summer shutdown, including covering materials and securing all spaces prior to leaving the building, as contractors will begin work immediately the following day.

Mr. Miller asked whether the transition group has access to kitchen facilities within the program area. Mrs. Lenger responded that they do. She explained that the classroom includes several electrical appliances, as well as a sink and refrigerator. She further noted that the program also has access to the church's full kitchen when needed, including use of the oven and other kitchen equipment. Mrs. Lenger added that the space also includes a washer and dryer that students and staff can use.

Memorandum of Agreement, Region III Cooperative Education Association, IEA-NEA

Mrs. Lenger presented a Memorandum of Agreement that was discussed at the previous meeting. She explained that the agreement would allow the cooperative to recognize prior long-term substitute teaching experience when determining placement on the salary schedule. Currently, such experience is not being credited; however, the proposed agreement would provide for this recognition moving forward.

Mrs. Lenger noted that under the proposed agreement, two teachers would be credited with one year of experience, and one long-term substitute would be credited with two years of experience based on prior long-term substitute service completed approximately five to six years ago.

Update State RTO Form
Mrs. Lenger reported that the State has issued an updated restraint and timeout reporting form. She noted that the form is only required when a restraint and/or timeout occurs within a district. Mrs. Lenger explained that several updates were made to the form, including language revisions and additional documentation requirements.

She highlighted that one significant change replaces the requirement for a "certified staff person" overseeing a restraint lasting longer than 30 minutes with an "adult trained" in restraint procedures, noting that in many situations the supervising individual may not be a certified teacher. The updated form also includes revised checkboxes and additional guidance related to documentation.

Mrs. Lenger stated that she has shared the updated form with coordinators to ensure that all district documents are updated accordingly and that staff are notified of the changes. She emphasized the importance of ensuring staff are using the most current version of the form and cautioned against saving outdated copies to personal drives, as this has previously led to errors when older versions are used.

She also noted additional updates to the form, including changes to the medication documentation section and added directions for completing it. In addition, the parent/guardian notification section now includes an area for additional comments and expanded checkboxes that remind staff to provide required documentation, including the Restraint and Timeout Bill of Rights, Procedural Safeguards, and information on the process for filing a state complaint.

Acknowledgment of Resignation, Ashley Weant, Social Worker
Mrs. Lenger reported the resignation of Ashley Weant, Social Worker, effective at the end of the current school year. She noted that Ms. Weant will be concluding her employment with the cooperative at that time.

CLOSED SESSION
Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to enter into a closed session at 10:25 a.m. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to come out of the closed session at 10:31 a.m. Dr. Patrick Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills, closed session minutes, and regular board minutes. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Mrs. Kelly Decker seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kelly Decker moved to approve the employment of Lydia Steckel, Certified Teacher for the 26-27 school year. Mrs. Jen Weber seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Mrs. Kelly Decker moved to approve the employment of ESY staff as presented. Mrs. Jen Weber seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Patrick Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 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, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
EXECUTIVE MEETING
May 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pat Anderson at 10:07 am. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mrs. Kelly Decker(East Alton-Proxy), Dr. Todd Dugan, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Patrick Anderson

Not in attendance: Mrs. Nancy Werden, Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Extended School Year
Mrs. Lenger reported that Extended School Year (ESY) services will be starting soon and noted how quickly the school year transitions into summer programming. She stated that planning and preparation for ESY are ongoing.

Mrs. Lenger shared that she is still seeking an additional paraprofessional for the ESY program and recently received a resume from a paraprofessional at East Alton-Wood River High School who has expressed interest in working during the summer. She also communicated with program coordinators to encourage additional staff interest and recruitment.

Mrs. Lenger explained that staffing ESY can be challenging because students from multiple member districts are combined into groups, making it difficult to anticipate all student needs. She noted that having additional staff available is always beneficial to ensure appropriate support for students.

At the time the ESY update was distributed the previous week, 21 students had registered for services and responses were still pending from 12 additional eligible students. While current registration numbers may have changed, Mrs. Lenger stated that she is confident the Cooperative will be well prepared for the start of ESY services.

Region Recognition
Mrs. Lenger reported on the staff members recognized by the Cooperative during the past month.

Val Sprague, a longtime teacher at Journeys School, was recognized for her exceptional professionalism and leadership during a recent Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting involving several sensitive topics. Mrs. Lenger noted that Ms. Sprague demonstrated outstanding skill in addressing the student's needs while maintaining a supportive and respectful environment for the family. Mrs. Lenger expressed her appreciation for Ms. Sprague's dedication, professionalism, and educational leadership, noting that the Cooperative is fortunate to have her on the team.

Mrs. Lenger also recognized Brittany Rabe, Laura Kimbro, and Sarah Stover, who work in the behavior program at Lewis and Clark Junior High School. She commended the team for their strong collaboration, professionalism, and commitment to supporting students. Despite the challenges associated with the program, the team consistently works together effectively, addresses student and staff concerns appropriately, and maintains a positive and supportive working environment. Mrs. Lenger noted that the team's cooperation and professionalism serve as an excellent model for others.

Lastly, Mrs. Lenger recognized Social Worker Ashley Weant and expressed appreciation for her dedication and service to the Cooperative. Although Ashley will be leaving the organization, Mrs. Lenger stated that she will be

greatly missed due to her ability to understand and support students, families, and staff. Ashley was recognized for the positive impact she has made throughout her time with the Cooperative.

Mrs. Lenger also reported that the Cooperative held its annual Teacher Appreciation Celebration at Franchise on May 29. During the event, the Cooperative presented its second annual Region Royalty Awards, which recognize staff members who have been nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the cooperative.

This year's Region Royalty Award recipients were Klaudia Taul, who was recognized for the second consecutive year, Ashley Weant, and Laurie Haselhorst. Mrs. Lenger noted that Mrs. Haselhorst, a longtime Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) serving students in the East Alton School District, will be retiring at the end of the school year. She shared that Laurie's expertise and dedication have had a significant impact on students and staff throughout her career. In preparation for her retirement, the Cooperative's other COTAs recently observed Mrs. Haselhorst during her sessions to learn from her extensive knowledge and experience. Mrs. Lenger stated that Laurie's contributions to the Cooperative have been exceptional and that she will be greatly missed.

Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justification
Mrs. Lenger reported that Alternative Assessment Assurances and Justifications are due on May 29, 2026. She stated that she is currently following up with program coordinators to verify that all required assurances and justifications have been completed and submitted. Mrs. Lenger shared that she sent an email to coordinators requesting confirmation of completion and will continue to monitor responses to ensure compliance with state requirements.

District Consolidated Plan
Mrs. Lenger discussed the District Consolidated Plan and noted that many districts are either currently working on or have already submitted their plans. She reported that, upon reviewing the information available through ISBE, the website indicates that April 1 is the recommended submission date; however, no specific due date is listed. She noted that grant funds cannot be approved until the District Consolidated Plan has been reviewed and approved.

Mrs. Lenger further shared that some components of the plan appear to have changed since the last time she completed the process approximately five years ago. While reviewing previous notes and documentation, she found that some of the questions and required responses had been revised. As a result, she contacted the grant manager for clarification regarding expectations and required language to ensure the plan was completed accurately and met current requirements.

TMC Meeting
Mrs. Lenger reported that the Cooperative held its Timely and Meaningful Consultation (TMC) meeting last week. She noted that the meeting included participation from a small number of homeschool parents, including one parent representing a student currently served through the Cooperative.

Mrs. Lenger clarified that attendance is voluntary and parents are not required to participate in these meetings. She shared that one family in attendance may be considering returning the student to district placement for the upcoming school year. Overall, she stated that the meeting was productive and provided an opportunity for meaningful discussion.

Mrs. Lenger confirmed that all required documentation from the consultation meeting has been completed and stored in the shared Drive. She noted that member districts have access to these materials and encouraged staff to reach out if assistance is needed in locating the documentation.

Training 26-27 School Year
Mrs. Lenger reported on scheduled professional development and training sessions for the upcoming school year.

She stated that the first training of the school year will be on August 4, 2026, with an initial CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) training session for staff.

On August 5, 2026, a paraprofessional training will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with Kim Hood facilitating. The training will take place at Journeys School, unless additional space is needed, in which case an alternate location may be arranged.

On August 6, 2026, staff will participate in Peak training during the morning session, followed by AIM and ACT training in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lenger noted that flyers for all training sessions have been distributed to program coordinators, and several districts have indicated that they plan to send staff to participate.

Delay in Medicaid Funds
Mrs. Lenger reported that there is a delay in Medicaid fund claims submitted for December, February, and April. She noted that the Cooperative has received communication regarding the delay and that an email was distributed to provide notification of the issue.

Mrs. Lenger stated that staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the Board as additional information becomes available.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Financial
Mrs. Lenger reported that she has updated the Cooperative's expenses to date for Board review. She noted that overall expenditures are tracking well across all program areas.

She also reported that audiology services will continue to provide services to BASSC for 30 days in the upcoming year. She noted that the audiologist typically provides services on Wednesdays, which continues to help manage and reduce associated service costs.

Personnel
Mrs. Lenger reported that the Cooperative is still working to fill the social worker position for the upcoming school year. She stated that she conducted an interview with a candidate; however, the individual ultimately declined the position.

Dr. Griffin noted that there may be additional applicant information available, including individuals who were previously interviewed but not hired, and indicated she would share names for consideration. She also discussed the Cooperative's current posting practice of advertising the position as a combined psychologist/social worker role, which has historically resulted in strong applicant interest, including candidates from outside the region.

Mrs. Lenger confirmed that the social work position remains open, as well as the psychology position; however, no additional applicants have been identified at this time.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of maintaining social work services for the Cooperative. Mrs. Lenger emphasized that social work support is essential for students and families, particularly in crisis situations, and noted the significant level of support previously provided by the current social worker.

Dr. Griffin shared that Centerstone has recently resumed offering site-based services and suggested this as a potential option. Mrs. Lenger stated that she has considered alternative options, including contracted services, if a full-time hire cannot be secured. Board members acknowledged the necessity of ensuring social work services are in place for the upcoming school year.

Current Programs
Mrs. Lenger provided an update on program enrollment and projections for the Cooperative. She reported that there are currently 55 students enrolled.

Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, Mrs. Lenger stated that the Cooperative is projecting approximately 60 students to begin the school year. She noted that staff is actively working on planning and preparation to support anticipated enrollment and ensure appropriate services are in place.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Press Policy Update 121, First Reading
Mrs. Lenger presented the first reading of the Press Policy update and reviewed several sections requiring Board clarification and input.

Under policy 2.200, Types of Governing and Executive Board Meetings, discussion was held regarding whether the Board posts notices and agendas for special meetings at the location where the meeting is to be held. It was confirmed that the Cooperative continues this practice and will maintain posting notices and agendas at the meeting site.

Under policy 2.220, Executive Board Meeting Procedures, the Board considered whether to add restrictions regarding the addition of discussion items suggested by residents of the area served by the Cooperative to meeting agendas. The Board indicated that no additional restrictions will be added at this time.

Policy 4.165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors, was reviewed. The Board confirmed that the policy will be retained in alignment with Erin's Law requirements and will continue to be implemented as written.

Policy 5.330, related to vacation, holidays, and leave including Election Day, was also discussed. The Board noted that some member districts have made changes to their calendars regarding Election Day. After discussion, it was indicated that the Cooperative will not designate Election Day as a holiday at this time and will maintain current practice until further confirmation or formal action is taken.

The first reading of the policy update was completed with the above clarifications noted.

Acknowledgement of Resignation, Certified Teacher, Margaret Meyer
Mrs. Lenger presented an acknowledgement of resignation for certified teacher Margaret Meyer. She noted that Mrs. Meyer has accepted a position with the Calhoun/Brussels School District, which is closer to her current place of residence, and will be transitioning from the Cooperative.

Acknowledgement of Resignation, Non-Certified Staff, Isabel Montano and Hannah Weid, Paraprofessionals
Mrs. Lenger presented acknowledgements of resignation for non-certified staff members.

Isabelle Montano, paraprofessional, submitted her resignation to return to college to pursue studies outside of the field of education.

Hannah Weed also submitted her resignation from her paraprofessional position.

Acknowledgement of Resignation, Certified Staff, Ashley Weant, Social Worker
Mrs. Lenger reported the resignation of Ashley Weant, Social Worker, effective at the end of the current school year. She noted that Ms. Weant will be concluding her employment with the cooperative at that time.

Illinois Purchase Care Review Board (IPCRB) Approved 25-26 School Year Rate $188.22
Mrs. Lenger informed the Board that the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board has approved the Cooperative's daily rates for Fund S students served at the Journeys School location.

She clarified that the approved rate is a daily rate, not a yearly rate. Mrs. Lenger noted that the current approved billing rate is $180.03 per day, which closely aligns with the Cooperative's existing rate structure.

The Board acknowledged the update.

2027 IMRF Employer Contribution Rate 4.57%
Mrs. Lenger reported that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) employer contribution rate for 2027 has been set at 4.57%. She noted that this information has been shared and reviewed as part of ongoing financial planning for the Cooperative.

Chairman of the Board, FY 27
Mrs. Lenger and the board discussed the appointment of the Board Chairman for the upcoming year. Dr. Pat Anderson made a motion to appoint Mr. Rob Miller as the Board Chairman for the 26-27 school year. Mrs. Kelly Decker seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Additional SLP Position for 26-27 School Year
Mrs. Lenger presented discussion regarding a potential additional Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) position for the 26-27 school year. She explained that the conversation originated during a recent coordinators' meeting due to increasing demands within speech-language services across programs.

Mrs. Lenger noted that Jenna Massey, the full-time speech-language pathologist assigned to the region programs, has a significant caseload that includes a high number of students utilizing communication devices. She stated that a substantial amount of Mrs. Massey's time is dedicated to staff training and ongoing support related to assistive communication needs, in addition to serving students at East Alton-Wood River High School, where approximately 8–10 students typically receive services.

Mrs. Lenger also reported that Kaylie Nicosia is currently shared between Bethalto and East Alton programs. A proposal was discussed to reallocate portions of existing caseloads to better support high school students; however, district coordinators indicated that additional support is needed within their own programs and expressed concern about further reductions in service time, noting that speech services are currently at capacity.

As an alternative, the possibility of hiring an additional SLP through the Cooperative was discussed to help support all member districts. During the discussion, it was noted that Southwestern currently utilizes remote speech services two days per week and indicated that, if additional staffing were secured, consideration may be given to transitioning some services back to in-person delivery.

Further discussion reflected that, under a potential staffing adjustment, service time could be distributed across districts, including approximately two days to Southwestern, one day to East Alton-Wood River High School, and additional time allocated to Bethalto based on current needs.

Mrs. Lenger noted that services are currently billed on a per-hour basis to allow flexibility in scheduling and service delivery across districts. She emphasized that while recruitment of an additional SLP may be challenging, the Cooperative continues to evaluate options to ensure adequate speech-language support is available for all students.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS
Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of ESY staff as presented. Dr. Todd Dugan seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the employment of Chelsea Tracey, Certified Teacher for the 26-27 school year. Mrs. Kelly Decker seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Mrs. Kelly Decker moved to approve the employment of Jessica Lorts, Occupational Therapist for the 26-27 school year. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Todd Dugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 am. Dr. Jill Griffin 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, June 17, 2026, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Wieckhorst

Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson