

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

April 21st, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present

Not Present

Dr. Jill Griffin
Mrs. Emily Warnecke
Dr. John Pearson arrived 2:05 p.m.
Mr. Brad Tuttle
Mr. Kyle Hacke
Dr. Patrick Anderson

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Mrs. Lenger informed the board of the number of students and staff on quarantine. Currently there are 0 students on quarantine, 0 staff on quarantine, 0 positive student and 0 positive staff members. Mrs. Lenger asked if districts were currently testing students at school or were considering COVID testing next year. Mrs. Warnecke stated that she tried to submit the application this year but could not find a doctor to provide the needed support. Dr. Griffin stated she was testing in Bethalto.

GRADUATES, JOURNEYS SCHOOL

Mrs. Lenger stated there are two students from Southwestern School District that will graduate from the Journeys program on May 10th, 2021. The graduation ceremony will be held that day. This brings the graduation total to five students this year and 38 graduates overall since the program started. Next year will mark the 10th year of this successful program.

FINANCIAL

ESSER II FUND

Mrs. Lenger informed the board she completed the grant application for the ESSER grant. Region will receive \$2,092.00. This money will be used

to purchase additional Chromebook and licenses and recoup the cost of sanitizing equipment and supplies that were purchased this summer.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, WOOD RIVER HARTFORD DISTRICT 15

Mrs. Lenger provided a copy of the agreement with Wood River Hartford District 15 to board members. Mrs. Lenger stated one of our first year teachers, Allison Kesler, will staff a classroom at Lewis and Clark Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year. We will charge the district the cost of the teacher's salary and benefits minus the state reimbursement.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SALARY

Mrs. Lenger provided board members a document showing salary increases for the administrative secretary and bookkeeper. Mrs. Lenger stated in the past, increases have been the same as the increase in the collective bargaining agreement. Mrs. Lenger spoke to other cooperatives and it was consistent that they typically followed their bargaining agreement rates for administrative staff. Mrs. Lenger provided a salary comparison of other districts that Bushue HR service provided for the bookkeeper and unit secretary positions.

Director's Compensation and Contract, Discussion

Mrs. Lenger stated she included more information on her contract and the principal position at Journeys. There were no questions or comments at this time.

PERSONNEL

Paraprofessional Position, Journeys

Mrs. Lenger stated she does have a paraprofessional opening at Journeys School. So far there has been only one applicant.

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

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

Extended School Year

Mrs. Lenger stated there are 23 students that will attend ESY from June 21-July 23. There are two high school students who will start in the high school summer school program June 1st through July 23rd. Mrs. Lenger stated she will get the schedule sent out to the districts transportation directors soon.

Behavior Coach

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Kim Hood's hours of services that were provided to the districts.

Behavior Specialist

Mrs. Lenger provided a list of Dr. Dixon's services through the current month. Mrs. Lenger stated Dr. Dixon will provide a PEAK initial training the first week of August but does not have an exact date yet. District Coordinators are aware of the training.

Isolation and Restraint

Mrs. Lenger provided individual information on isolation and restraint to each district. Mrs. Lenger stated she will be providing additional training for Region staff on how to document forms for isolation and restraint in East Alton and WR/Hartford districts on Monday for their district's professional development day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Journeys 2021-2022 Calendar

Mrs. Lenger stated she has been trying to find information on creating the public calendar for Journeys. She spoke to the ROE and feels she has the information needed. She will add two full professional development days so all staff can be together for trainings in East Alton and WR/Hartford districts. Mrs. Lenger emailed the calendar to board members for their review for approval at the next board meeting.

Reporting Attendance in SIS

Mrs. Lenger stated a couple years ago she had conversations with districts regarding students course assignments and attendance. The districts were supposed to be entering attendance in SIS. Some districts were and some were not so Region will take care of entering the students within our programs for this full year. Region will also enter students in private facilities if the facilities forward the attendance to be uploaded to SIS.

Related Service Eligibility

Mrs. Lenger stated she is working with our related service personnel to improve eligibility criteria specifically occupational therapy and physical therapy due to an increase number of students to make sure they are consistent on how they make students eligible.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Warnecke made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wood River Hartford District 15. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Dr. Anderson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Administrative salary increase of 2.50% + 200 dollars. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper salary increase of 2.50% + 200 dollars. Mr. Hacke seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

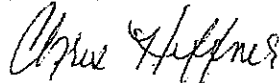
ADJOURNMENT

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

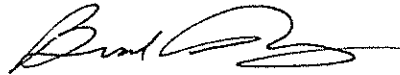
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. Brad Tuttle, Chairperson