

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

AUGUST 19TH, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present

Not Present

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

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

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

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

DIRECTORS REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

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

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

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

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

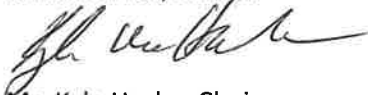
NEXT MEETING

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Heffner, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson