

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

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

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

No visitors were present.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

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

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

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

## **FINANCIAL**

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

## **PERSONNEL**

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

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

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

## **PROGRAMS**

### **Current Programs**

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

## **POLICY UPDATES**

### **Policy Updates, Second Reading**

- 1.0 Policy Updates, Second Reading
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- 2:20 Powers and Duties of Governing Board
- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:110 Qualifications, Terms and Duties of Governing and Executive Board Officers
- 2:220 Executive Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 3:40 Director
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Director
- 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
- 4:60 Purchase and Contracts
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 4:170 Safety

4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications  
 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment  
 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited  
 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria  
 5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace  
 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting  
 5:100 Staff Development Program  
 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest  
 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct  
 5:150 Personnel Records  
 5:185 Family and Medical Leave

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

**Policy Updates, First Reading**

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

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

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson