

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****March 23rd, 2022****CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Not in attendance: Mr. Rob Miller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

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

PERSONNEL

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

PROGRAMS

Current Programs

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

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

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

5:220 Substitute Teachers

5:250 Leaves of Absence

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

Reduction in Force not necessary this year.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Kyle Hacke, Chairperson