

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE****EXECUTIVE MEETING****August 10, 2023****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson at 2:09pm. Roll was as follows:

**Present:** Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Pat Anderson, Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Mario Sherrell, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Todd Dugan

**Not in attendance:****RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:****INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board with an update on our Journeys program. She stated the Pods were emptied this morning by Two Men and a Truck and teachers were working to set up their rooms. She mentioned the building passed city inspection and the lease is finalized with the church. She informed the board that staff would be participating in "Safe from Harm" training at the Salvation Army on Tuesday morning in addition to ALICE training provided by the Alton Police Department in the afternoon. She invited the board to Journeys open house which will be held on August 30, 2023. She mentioned that invitations were sent to surrounding businesses and community members in addition to our district staff.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that Region III would be participating in the Oiler Nation Celebration on August 12 from 3-6pm. She stated we would hand out popcorn and information about why good attendance is important. Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that Region III's beginning of the year meeting was held Wednesday, August 9 at Riverbend Family Ministries in Wood River.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Financial**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that they would be billed monthly for all tuition services for both programs and all instructional and related services. She stated the administrative bill will be sent out at the beginning of the year. Professional development and any maintenance grant needs would be billed out for the actual expenditures.

**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board a list of classroom staff in each program and number of students identified by districts. She mentioned the list is changing daily with ongoing registration and district referrals. She stated on the elementary level there are two classrooms-Brown (5 students), Kesler (3 students), at the Jr high school behavioral classroom-Carroll (5/6 students), middle school Autism classroom- Fitzgerald (6/7 students), the life skills program at the EA/WR high school-Tegel (8 students), and Journeys program with three classrooms with a total of 13 students.

**Security**

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board the increase in security incidents this summer at the Region III office and she is looking to improve the security system. She informed the board that the back window was shot out, someone tried to break into one of the Pod units, two individuals were rummaging through the trash can, and others just on the premises. She stated the alarm notifications are tied to her phone and Katie's phone. She stated that the Alton Police Department has been contacted on several occasions.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT****FY 24 Budget, First Reading**

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board the different services in the tuition budget. She stated there are currently 5 teachers and 10 paraprofessionals in the CLIP program, 3 teachers and 5 paraprofessionals in the Journeys program, an interpreter with a student in Bethalto, DHH teacher, VI teacher, and RBT. She informed the board that \$15,000 of the cost for the RBT would be billed to the CLIP tuition and then to the districts ~~by the hour~~ by enrollment. She stated that Dr. Dixon and his staff were reviewing placements and he has decided to send us a RBT with classroom experience. She informed the board she hired a social worker who is currently enrolled in classes to get her school social worker license and she will be supervised by Susan Weshinsky from Wood River Hartford district. She mentioned the social worker will be in Bunker Hill two days a week. She stated she kept Mary Pearson on for Psychology services to support the social worker and will be handling IEPs and writing goals and objectives. She informed the board we have OT/PT and Audiology services. She stated that Kristen, the Audiologist, services 16 area school districts. She also stated they have funds allocated in the budget for a SLP, but we currently do not have anyone. She also mentioned that the ESY expenses are included in the tuition budget.

She reviewed the administrative budget which includes herself, Melinda and Katie as well as the 2% inservice money from the districts. She shared with the board a comparison of FY23 and FY24 and stated there was only a minimal change.

### **Press Policy Update:First Reading**

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board Policy 112 and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. The board did not have any comments on the proposed changes.

*2:80 Governing Board Member Oath and Conduct*

*2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services*

*2:250 Access to Cooperative Public Records*

*3:10 Goals and Objectives*

*4:40 Incurring Debt*

*4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery*

*4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards*

*4:100 Insurance Management*

*5:170 Copyright*

*5:190 Teacher Qualifications*

*5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline*

*5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers*

*6:10 Educational Philosophy*

*6:190 Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities*

*6:210 Instructional Materials*

*6:240 Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips*

*7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*

*8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities*

*8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities*

*8:95 Parental Involvement*

### **Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report SY 2023**

She informed the board the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report is available and is posted online.

### **CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that she does not have any certified positions to approve under 7.2.1.

Mr. Mario Sherrell moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills, regular board minutes and contracts with non-member districts. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0

Mr. Mario Sherrell moved to approve the employment of non-certified staff, Sarah Custer.. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm. Mr. Todd Dugan seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

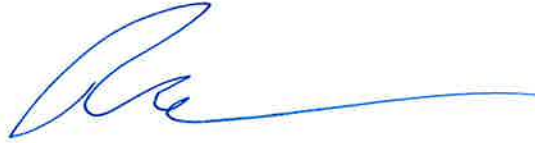
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish.

Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson