

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**EXECUTIVE MEETING****September 20, 2023****CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson at 10:17am. Roll was as follows:

Present: Dr. Jill Griffin, Mr. Rob Miller, Mr. Todd Dugan Dr. Kevin Bowman, Dr. Pat Anderson (virtual),

Not in attendance: Mr. Mario Sherrell

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Lenger thanked all the board members who attended the Journeys open house on August 30th. She stated those in attendance included students and their families, church members, district staff, board members, and the Mayor of Alton, Mr. David Goins. She informed the board that the Mayor invited the Journeys students and staff to City Hall for a tour and they are going on Friday. The staff appreciated all the support from the board members and the community. She mentioned that the students are walking to the Salvation Army for PE and it has been very positive.

Mrs. Lenger informed the board that Madison County Institute day is coming up on October 6, 2023 and EAWRHS will host this event. Several presenters are scheduled and include district staff and teachers, Luis Rodriguez, Attorney at Engler Law, outside agencies like Refuge4Kids and SOAR. She mentioned that staff from Bethalto, Wood River-Hartford, EA/WRHS, and Region III would be attending. She stated for next year's institute day she would like the districts to participate in training together. Dr. Jill Griffin mentioned that it would be difficult to arrange all districts participating together since two of our districts are in a different county and their institute day is at a different time. Mrs. Lenger stated it would be great for all the district's special education staff to come together for training. Dr. Griffin thought it would be easier for staff to come together on an early release day instead of the institute day.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board that she received a phone call from Madison County Employment and Training Department about a grant they are writing that supports students in alternative placements. They are going to include our two seniors at Journeys in the grant program. The Employment and Training Department are also discussing how to support our program moving forward. Mrs. Lenger shared with the board her goal of improving transition programming for students after graduation and she is hoping this is a step in the right direction.

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board the CPI Tidbits Newsletter that Kim Hood shared with our staff. It discussed using positive statements with students and avoiding negative language. She stated Kim will be sharing these "tidbits" with staff monthly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Current Programs**

Mrs. Lenger provided the board an update on students in each program by classroom teacher. She mentioned we haven't added many students since the beginning of the year, but is hearing of referrals coming our way. She stated on the elementary level there are two classrooms-Brown (5 students), Kesler (4 students), at the Jr high school behavioral classroom-Carroll (5 students), middle school Autism classroom- Fitzgerald (7 students), the life skills program at the EAWR high school-Tegel (9 students), and Journeys program with three classrooms with a total of 12 students. She mentioned that it was an easier transition for our Journeys staff with having a smaller group of students, but now the staff has a routine is ready for additional students

Professional Goals

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board her professional goals for this school year. She stated she would like to call the Joint Committee back together to review and improve the evaluation process and add an administrator input form for staff that is housed in a district. She mentioned that the form would be filled out by an administrator or staff member that works with the staff within the district, since she isn't with them on a regular basis. She wants to improve summative data collection to help look at the programs as a whole in order to develop a strategic plan. She also wants to improve transition planning for students.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FY 24 Budget, 2nd Reading

Mrs. Lenger shared the budget with the board for the second reading.

Press Policy Update:First Reading

Mrs. Lenger shared with the board Policy 112 for the second reading.

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

Joint Agreement Revision

A copy of the Joint Agreement was shared with the board noting there were no language revisions, only a revision to add Bunker Hill as a member.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Rob Miller moved to enter into closed session at 10:32 a.m. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried. Dr. Jill Griffin moved to come out of closed session at 10:40 a.m. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the consent agenda including the bills and regular board minutes. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Kevin Bowman moved to approve the closed board meeting minutes from January 2023-June 2023 stay closed. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve the employment of certified staff, Jenna Massey, SLP. Mr. Todd Dugan seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Todd Dugan moved to approve the Region III FY24 Budget. Dr. Jill Griffin seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve Press Policy 112 as presented. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to approve adding Bunker Hill CUSD as a member district to Region III Special Education Cooperative's Joint Agreement effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Kevin Bowman seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jill Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm. Dr. Pat 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 on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Wieckhorst, Administrative Assistant



Mr. Rob Miller, Chairperson