

**REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**May 20, 2015**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lori Hopkins, Chairperson, at 10:50 a.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Mr. Stegall

Mrs. Kreuztrager

Mr. Moore

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Pearson

Dr. Hopkins

Mr. Skertich (by phone until 11:00 a.m.)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL**

Mrs. Ponce presented to Region III Special Education Cooperative and The Region III Special Education Association IEA/NEA contract for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. Staff will receive a soft freeze for the 2015-2016 school year and 1% increase for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Pearson moved to approve and ratify the contract as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting Yes 3-2. (Jersey and Bethalto voted no).

Mr. Stegall moved to approve the application for Federal Funds as presented. Dr. Pearson seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the Prevailing Wage Rate as presented. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

Mrs. Ponce explained that Region III was approached by Alton School District concerning membership to Region III Special Education Cooperative for one year. After much discussion with Alton School District they decided to pursue another route.

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Dr. Pearson moved to approval the Articles of Joint Agreement as presented. Dr. Hopkins seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-4-0. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Pearson moved to go into Closed Session at 11:17 a.m. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 4-0. Motion carried. Dr. Pearson moved to come out of Closed Session at 11:50 a.m. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve a 2.5% salary increase for Chris Heffner and Kathy Sales, Administrative staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Moore seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-4-0. Motion carried.

**PROGRAMS**

Mrs. Ponce informed the Board that Region III will be renting space at Bethalto West to begin a new Journey campus for the 2015-2016 school year. Region III will be available to place safe students. Discussion was held on transportation between districts.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ponce stated that all Region III staff will now have an e-mail address that is first initial, last name at region3sec.org.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Moore seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-4, Nay-0.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted.

Kathy L. Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Lori Hopkins, Chairperson