

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jill Griffin, Chairperson, at 1:37 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Dr. Griffin

Dr. Anderson

Mrs. Warnecke

Dr. Pearson

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Skertich

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION OF

VISITORS

There were no visitors present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL

Mrs. Lenger informed the Members that as of FY20 the current financial and payroll software will no longer be supported. Region III has been in discussion with Skyward and PowerSchool and have received bids from both companies. Most of the districts are using Skyward, however Bethalto school district reports significant issues with the new version. Mrs. Lenger will continue to seek out other software package options. This software change will increase our software cost dramatically in the next couple of years.

Mrs. Lenger provided FY20 Administrative staff changes due the retirement of the current bookkeeper, Kathy Sales effective July, 1 2019. The current Administrative Secretary, Chris Heffner will move into the Bookkeeper position. The Administrative Secretary position will need to be replaced. There is current Region III staff that is interested in this position. This information reflected the change in the Administrative Fee.

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PERSONNEL

Mr. Skertich moved to employ Wendy Dallape, Teacher, Eastwood Elementary as presented. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger presented the current enrollment for the CLIP and Journeys program. Mrs. Lenger stated that this list did not reflect the forth classroom that will open when school resumes in January 2019.

Mrs. Lenger shared the schedule of services that Dr. Mark Dixon has provided. Also, provided was the schedule for the Behavioral Coach. Mrs. Lenger stated that new forms for data collection have been developed to help gain skills and feedback. These forms have provided good information for Mrs. Hood.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Lenger stated that she is working with Jersey CUSD #100 to obtain the charges for the construction that has been or in process of being completed on the Journeys building. Mr. Tuttle stated that they will be providing that information at a later date.

Mrs. Lenger provided the revised Article of Joint Agreement. Mrs. Lenger stated that Alan Sraga, Attorney, has advised the board not to take any action at this time on the revision due to no additional guidance from ISBE. After discussion it was decided to table the revision until a later date.

Mr. Skertich moved to approve that Region III will continue to be the IDEA and Preschool Grant manager for all the Region III Districts effective July, 2019. Member districts would have the option to become their own grant manager with notification to Region III per the Article of Joint Agreement stated time line. Dr. Pearson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 5-0. Motion carried.

The behavior data was provided through November 2018.

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Mrs. Lenger stated that Region III and some of the member districts had received a FOIA request from the Chicago Tribune. This request was for records concerning student isolations, restraints and staff training records. An extension has been requested. Legal counsel is replying to this FOIA request because it is unduly burdensome.

Mrs. Lenger stated that she has been asked to participate on an Action Committee for DCFS and other governmental agencies to discuss the quality of services that are provided to our students.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-5, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 1:30 p.m., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Jill Griffin, Chairperson