

REGION III SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jill Griffin, Chairperson, at 1:35 p.m. Roll was as follows:

Present

Not Present

Dr. Griffin

Mrs. Warnecke

Dr. Pearson

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Skertich

Dr. Anderson (arrived 1:41)

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

Dr. Griffin introduced Mr. Dennis Rose, Auditor for Region III.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Rose presented the audit report for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Rose stated that there is a clean opinion for the Region III financial records. He also stated that the financial reports are in excellent condition and there were no problems with internal procedures. Mr. Tuttle moved to approve the Auditor's report as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes-5-0. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve the employment of Dianna Hirschberg, Paraprofessional as presented. Dr. Pearson seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Dr. Pearson moved to approve the leave of absence for the remainder of the FY19 school year for Crystal Harlow, Paraprofessional as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS

Mrs. Lenger presented the current enrollment for the CLIP and Journeys program. Mrs. Lenger stated that we have added 7

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students in the CLIP program since the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Lenger also stated that there are 28 students enrolled in Journeys.

Mrs. Lenger provided the schedule of services that Dr. Mark Dixon has provided. Dr. Pearson thanked Mrs. Lenger for this information.

Mrs. Lenger provided the schedule for the Behavior Coach. This information listed the hours used by the district through September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Pearson, Principal from Journeys presented on Exclusionary Discipline. Mrs. Pearson explained the outcomes of suspension; the increase in dropout rates, repeat offenses, reduced academic skills, a less safe school environment, denial of educational opportunity. Also, social outcomes; loss of self-respect, feelings of being unwanted, stigmatization among peers increase delinquency rates, Societal outcome; a school dropout earns considerably less money over his or her working career and fewer employment opportunities resulting in an increase dependence of social services.

Mr. Tuttle moved to approve the Classroom Rental Agreement with East Alton Elementary as presented. Mr. Skertich seconded. Roll call was taken with Members Voting, Yes 6-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lenger presented a letter from IAASE written to ISBE concerning the FY changes in the IDEA funding and disbursement. This letter is asking ISBE to push back this change until FY21. Mrs. Lenger stated that Region III will be hosting a meeting on November 2nd, 12:00 p.m., at the Bethalto district office to discuss options for handling this change.

Mrs. Lenger reviewed the Article of Joint Agreement, Article 2-Member Districts. Discussion was held on 2.5-Cost to Members of Co-op. The administrative fee is based upon total student count, billed annually to the districts.

Mrs. Lenger provided the behavioral data through September 2018.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Skertich moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Mr. Tuttle seconded. Motion carried with Members Voting, Aye-6, Nay-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Region III Executive Board will be held, Wednesday, November 14, 2018., at the Region III office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L Sales, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Dr. Jill Griffin, Chairperson