

**RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**  
**807 N. MATTIS AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

December 8, 2022

Mr. Larson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Rural Champaign County Special Education Cooperative, 807 N. Mattis Ave, Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present

Mr. Ellison  
Mr. Pence  
Ms. McArthur  
Mr. Larson  
Mr. Brooks  
Mr. Davis  
Ms. Turner  
Mr. Graham

Not Present

Ms. Thompson  
Mr. Isenhower

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Samantha Pettry, Spectrum Program Coordinator; Mrs. Stephanie Ward, Executive Assistant; Mrs. Alison Whitney, School Psychologist.

Additions/Deletions

Alternatives to therapeutic day schools was added to Discussion Items.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2022 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

b. Accounts Payable

The accounts payable for the month of December and the payments between Board meetings were included in the Board packet.

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The reconciliation for the month of November, listing a cash and investment balance of \$804,936.29 was included in the Board packet.

Ms. McArthur moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Larson, Mr. Davis, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Graham, Ms. Turner. "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

#### Action Items

a. Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

The Director recommended the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding allowing Sharon Benekohal to work from home through December 21, 2022.

Mr. Pence moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Larson, Mr. Davis, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Graham, Ms. Turner. "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

b. Action to Approve RCCSEC Insurance Plan

The Director recommended the approval of RCCSEC Insurance Plan to start on January 1, 2023.

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the RCCSEC Insurance Plan presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried. "Aye" Mr. Graham, Ms. Turner, Mr. Pence, Mr. Brooks, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Larson, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Davis. "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

#### Discussion Items

a. Alternatives to therapeutic day schools

The Director reported that Chancelight Education Schools and Programs, an alternative to therapeutic day schools, presented at the CASE meeting. ChanceLight would like to come and provide services in our area. The Director emailed building Principals and requested the number of students who are waiting on a placement in a therapeutic day school. The Director handed out an information packet to all Superintendents.

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Administrative Report

The Spectrum Program Coordinator reported the following:

Winter screenings were completed this week.

Spectrum enrollment:

St. Joseph: 88 students (Will be full after screenings)

Unity East: 32 students (Full)

Thomasboro: 26 students (Spots still available)

The Director reported the grant had to be reduced by \$132,000 due to the one classroom at Unity East not opening this year.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:08 PM, Ms. McArthur moved to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

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Ms. Bonnie McArthur  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Mr. Andrew Larson  
Chair of the Board of Directors

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Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong  
Recording Secretary

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Mr. Todd Pence  
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors