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

April 9, 2026

Ms. Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Rural Champaign County Special Education Cooperative, 807 N. Mattis Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present	Not Present
Ms. Thompson	Mr. Ellison
Ms. Norton	Ms. McArthur
Mr. Graham	
Mr. Wilson	
Mr. Amerio	
Mr. Landeck	
Mr. Brooks	
Mr. Brink	

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Stephanie Ward, Executive Assistant; Mrs. Allison Whitney, School Social Worker; Ms. Jayme Bajer, ROE Assistant Superintendent.

Scott Amerio was appointed Vice-Chair pro tem for the April 2026 meeting.

Additions/Deletions

Linnea Kelley - 1.0 FTE Psychologist Intern for 26-27 school year was added to Action Item b.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 11, 2026 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

b. Accounts Payable

The accounts payable report for March 12, 2026 - April 9, 2026 were included in the Board packet.

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The balance sheet as of March 31, 2026 listing a fund balance of $1,118,728.42 was included in the Board packet.

Ms. Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brink “Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

Executive Session

At 1:03 PM, Mr. Landeck made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mr. Brink seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brink “Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

At 1:08 PM, Mr. Brooks made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Landeck seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action Upon Employee Resignation

The Director recommended the approval of the following resignations:

- Annette Landeck - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
- Angela Lillie - 1.0 FTE ECE Teacher - St. Joseph

Ms. Thompson moved to accept the resignation of Annette Landeck and Angela Lillie as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action Upon Employment of Personnel

The Director recommended the employment of the following personnel:

- Brandon Mata - 1.0 FTE Special Education Administrator
- Tracy Long - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
- Stacy Patton - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
- Janna Fouly - 1.0 FTE School Social Worker
- Linnea Kelley - School Psychologist Intern for FY27

Mr. Brooks moved to employ the personnel as presented. Mr. Amerio seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brink “Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

Discussion Items

CPI

RCCSEC is hosting a “train the trainer” workshop in order to retrain current and train new staff as CPI trainers. The training will occur on June 15-18 at St. Joseph Ogden High School.

Proposed trainers for FY 27 are below:

Hannah Yeam	-	RTHS Teacher (retrain)
Peyton Crozier	-	PVO (retrain)
Cindy Blacker	-	PVO (new)
Parker Poole	-	Spectrum Full Time Sub (new)
Brandon Mata	-	Special Education Administrator (new)

Proportionate Share Funds

All districts (except Ludlow and PVO) have a Proportionate Share allocation to be used for students who are homeschooled and/or enrolled in parochial schools. Below is the allocation per district. Jennifer Armstrong sent an email to Superintendents and District Bookkeepers asking if the Proportionate Share funds were or will be used for FY 26. Any unused funds can be reallocated to the general IDEA funds by submitting a request to ISBE. By April 17, Bookkeepers are to communicate with Jennifer Armstrong as to whether the funds will be spent this year.

District	Flow Thru NPPS	Carryover FY25 NPPS	TOTAL
Fisher	$7,530.00	$5,004.00	$12,534
Unit 7	$17,798.00	$0.00	$17,798
Heritage	$6,324.00	$5,859.00	$12,183
Thomasboro	$3,600.00	$3,812.00	$7,412
Ludlow	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
St. Joe 169	$5,325.00	$0.00	$5,325
Gifford	$7,868.00	$6,118.00	$13,986
RTHS	$9,024.00	$10,665.00	$19,689
Prairieview-Ogden	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
St. Joseph-Ogden	$7,680.00	$2,311.00	$9,991

Spectrum Enrollment and FY 27 Classes

Jennifer Armstrong discussed moving Heritage Spectrum students to Unity in order to fill the classrooms at Unity and open up room in St Joe classrooms. Jennifer and Kim Norton will meet to discuss this further.

Administrative Report

Spectrum Updates

Sadie Huckstadt, long term substitute in Unity, will complete her program and be fully licensed as an Early Childhood teacher in August 2026.

Parker Poole, long term substitute in Unity, was recently awarded the Golden Apple Scholarship and will begin her coursework to become a fully licensed Early Childhood teacher. Parker is also completing the ISBE training to become a Qualified Interpreter for any Spanish Speaking families who require the mandated Interpreter for IEP meetings.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:17 PM, Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn. Mr. Brink seconded. The motion carried.

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Ms. Barb Thompson Secretary of the Board of Directors	Ms. Kimberly Norton Chair of the Board of Directors
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Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong Recording Secretary	Mr. Bonnie McArthur Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors