

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

May 9, 2024

Mr. Brooks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:58 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

Ms. Thompson
Mr. Davis
Ms. Turner
Mr. Landeck
Mr. Brooks
Ms. McArthur
Mr. Larson
Mr. Ellison
Mr. Graham

Not Present

Mr. Isenhower

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

Additions/Deletions

Annual Cost Settlement was added to Discussion Items

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2024 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

b. Accounts Payable

The accounts payable for May and the payments between Board meetings were included in the Board packet.

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The reconciliation for the month of April, listing a cash and investment balance of \$1,042,798.24

Mr. Larson moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Graham, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Larson, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Brooks "Nay" None. The motion carried. (9-0)

Executive Session

At 1:01 PM, Ms. Thompson 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. Landeck seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Graham, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Larson, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Brooks "Nay" None. The motion carried. (9-0)

At 1:10 PM, Mr. Larson made the motion to move out of executive session. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Approve Non-Union Salary Increase

Mr. Ellison moved to approve a 4% raise for Jennifer Armstrong, Stephanie Ward, Kristie Behrens, Joe Pittenger, Samantha Pettry, Jean McCarthy, and Sara Giacobbe. Mr. Landeck seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Graham, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Larson, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Brooks "Nay" None. The motion carried. (9-0)

b. Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

The Board packet included a MOU with the Union. The MOU includes language for a \$4,000 tuition reimbursement for Spectrum staff who are taking coursework to become licensed. Those who receive the stipend will be required to work for RCCSEC a determined amount of years. The MOU also included an updated salary schedule for teachers.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Ms. Thompson seconded.

The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Graham, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Larson, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Brooks "Nay" None. The motion carried. (9-0)

Discussion Items

a. Spectrum Report

The Spectrum Program Coordinator, Samantha Pettry, reported the following:

Projected numbers for 2024-2025:

Thomasboro One Classroom (30 full)

Unity Two Classrooms (35, need 60 to be full)

St. Joseph Two Classrooms (60 full)

Spring Screening Numbers:

Thomasboro 7

Unity 10

St Joseph 13

Staff will be doing an ECERs training in preparation for a potential monitoring visit during the 24-25 school year.

b. Title IX

The Director reminded the Superintendents that new regulations were released and they will go into effect August 1, 2024. RCCSEC is willing to have the attorney, Brandon Wright, present the regulations over the summer if there is interest. All superintendents are interested so Jennifer Armstrong will organize a meeting with Brandon for early August.

c. Annual Cost Settlement

The Director advised that we do not know what each district will receive or have to pay back for the Annual Cost Settlement at this time. PCG will be conducting webinars in the next few weeks to help advise on the Cost Settlement moving forward. Once the data is released Kris Stalter will contact the districts by email.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:25 PM, Mr. Larson moved to adjourn. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried.
(voice vote)

Ms. Bonnie McArthur
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Mr. Brian Brooks
Chair of the Board of Directors

Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

Mr. Jared Ellison
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors