

**RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
807 N. MATTIS AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2022

Mr. Larson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. The meeting was held in the meeting room of Atkins Golf Club, 2560 S. Stone Creek Blvd, Urbana, IL 61802

Members Present

Ms. Thompson
Mr. Larson
Mr. Davis
Ms. McArthur
Mr. Pence
Mr. Smith
Ms. Turner
Mr. Brooks

Not Present

Mr. Graham
Mr. Isenhower

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Ms. Martine Nickols, Executive Assistant.

Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 14, 2022 Executive Board Meeting were in the packet.

b. Approval of Accounts Payable

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

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The reconciliation for the month of April, listing a cash and investment balance of \$ 1,042,309.05, was included in the packet.

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

Executive Session

At 1:01 PM, Ms. McArthur made the motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

At 1:14 PM, Mr. Brooks made the motion to move out of executive session. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Accept Resignation of Professional Educator Licensed Personnel

The Director recommended the approval of the following resignation:

- Megan Molina - 1.0 FTE Early Childhood Teacher, St. Joseph

Ms. Thompson moved to accept the resignation of Megan Molina as presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action to Employ Professional Educator Licensed Personnel

The Director recommended the employment of the following individual:

- Meghan Loschen - 1.0 FTE Early Childhood Teacher, St. Joseph

Mr. Davis moved to employ Meghan Loschen as a 1.0 FTE early childhood teacher as presented. Mr. Smith seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

c. Action to Employ Educational Support Personnel

The Director recommended the employment of the following educational support personnel:

- Joe Pittenger - 1.0 FTE Transition Specialist

Mr. Smith made the motion to employ Joe Pittenger as a 1.0 FTE transition specialist. Ms. McArthur seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

d. Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding regarding administrative leave for COVID-19 related absences was included in the packet.

The MOU was created by Brandon Wright and aligns with the recently enacted Public Act 102-697. It was agreed not to include daycare in Section 2 e) as it is not in the law.

Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding administrative leave for COVID-19 absences. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

e. Action to Approve Non-Union Raises

Mr. Smith moved to approve a 4% raise for Kristie Behrens, Bookkeeper; Jean McCarthy, Occupational Therapist; Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director. Ms. Thompson seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

Discussion Items

a. Timely and Meaningful Consultation

The Director reminded the Board to complete the Timely and Meaningful Consultation meetings no later than May 31, 2022 as outlined in the board packet.

b. Spectrum Report

The Director reported that the Spectrum Program is still short 3 classroom teachers for FY 23 and the position has been posted since last spring. Current openings are for St. Joseph (1) and Unity (2).

c. IDEA ARP

The Director has been in communication with ISBE grant reviewer regarding the approval of IDEA APR grants. eGMS revisions were completed and grants should be fully approved as of the time of the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding tele psychologists. Mr. Pence addressed the Board and expressed concern regarding the use of a tele psychologist for initial evaluations for grade school students. This should be a person to person evaluation.

The Director responded that the use of a tele psychologist is intended for junior high and high school students. RCCSEC will again employ a tele psychologist next school year. She is also trying to hire a part-time psychologist.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:28 PM, Ms. McArthur moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Ms. Bonnie McArthur
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Mr. Andrew Larson
Chair of the Board of Directors

Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

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