

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

June 20, 2024

Mr. Brooks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 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
Mr. Graham
Mr. Larson
Mr. Isenhower

Not Present

Mr. Ellison
Ms. McArthur

Present at the meeting were Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Stephanie Ward, Executive Assistant

Mr. Davis was appointed Vice-Chair Pro Tem.
Mr. Larson was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

Additions/Deletions

Lara Cowger – 1.0 FTE Social Worker was added to Action Item Employ Personnel
IDEA grants added to Discussion Items

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 09, 2024 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

b. Accounts Payable

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

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The reconciliation for the month of May, listing a cash and investment balance of \$885,610.72 was included in the Board packet.

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

Executive Session

At 1:03 PM, Mr. Larson 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. Davis seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Graham, Mr. Larson, Mr. Isenhower "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

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

Action Items

a. Action to Approve Resignation of Personnel

The Director recommended the approval of the following resignation:

- a. Nora Miller – 1.0 FTE Spectrum Teacher, Unity
- b. Samantha Pettry – 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator

Mr. Larson moved to approve the resignation of Nora Miller and Samantha Pettry as presented. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action to Employ Personnel

The Director recommended the approval of the employment of the following individual:

- c. Parker Poole - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional, Unity
- d. Laura O'Reilly - 1.0 FTE Contractual Virtual School Social Worker
- e. Sara Grapski - .80 FTE Contractual Virtual School Psychologist
- f. Lara Cowger – 1.0 FTE School Social Worker

Mr. Larson moved to employ Parker Poole, Laura O'Reilly, Sara Grapski, and Lara Cowger as presented. Mr. Davis seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. Davis, Ms. Turner, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Graham, Mr. Larson, Mr. Isenhower "Nay" None. The motion carried. (8-0)

c. Action to Approve FY 25 Executive Board Meeting Dates

The Director recommended the approval of the following FY 25 Board meeting dates:

- July 11, 2024
- August 8, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- October 10, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- March 13, 2025
- April 10, 2025
- May 8, 2025
- June 12, 2025

Mr. Davis moved to approve the FY 25 Board meeting dates as presented. Ms. Thompson seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

d. Action to Approve FY 25 RCCSEC Budget

The proposed FY 25 RCCSEC budget spreadsheets were included in the Board packet. The Director commented the following:

The presented FY 25 budget is a draft because ISBE has not yet released the final allocations for the IDEA grant. The Local budget was created using 90% of the FY 25 IDEA allocation.

The following is a breakdown of the budget increases/decreases:

Local Assessment .52% decrease

PreK Local 0% increase

Preschool for All 0% increase

STEP 4.58% decrease

Individual Aide 14.52% increase

Medicaid 13.11% decrease

Discussion Items

a. CPI Dates

August 6, 2024 – St. Joseph Middle School and RTHS

b. IDEA Grants

The Director commented that all IDEA grants have been submitted but there is only 1 reviewer so it could be a lengthy wait.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:31 PM, Mr. Davis moved to adjourn. Mr. Larson 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