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

June 22, 2026

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

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

Mr. Todd Wilson was appointed Pro Tem Vice-Chair for the June meeting.

Additions/Deletions

None

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 14, 2026 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

Accounts Payable

The accounts payable report for May 15, 2026 - June 22, 2026 was included in the Board packet.

Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The balance sheet as of May 8, 2026 listing a fund balance of $1,064,649.76 was included in the Board packet.

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

Executive Session

At 1:02 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. Ms. Thompson seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

At 1:55 PM, Mr. Brooks made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Landeck seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Approve the FY 27 RCCSEC Draft Budget

Local Assessment	.17%	Increase
Preschool Local	392%	Increase
Preschool for All	0%	Increase
PECT	4.38%	Increase
PreK Individual Aide	7.17%	Decrease
Medicaid	7.62%	Increase
Overall	1.26%	Increase

Mr. Books moved to approve the FY 27 RCCSEC Draft Budget as presented by Jennifer Armstrong. Mr. Amerio seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks“Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

b. Action to Approve Intent to Retire

Kris Stalter submitted her intent to retire on June 30, 2029. A letter from Kris was included in the Board agenda.

Ms. Thompson moved to approve the intent to retire for Kris Stalter. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks“Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

c. Action to Approve Non Union Salary Increase

A 5% salary increase for the 26-27 year was approved for the following:

a. Stephanie Ward - Executive Assistant
b. Kristie Behrens - Bookkeeper
c. Joe Pittenger - Transition Coordinator
d. Jean McCarthy - Occupational Therapist
e. Sarah Giacobbe - Physical Therapist
f. Jennifer Armstrong- Executive Director

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the salary increase for the above named non union positions. Mr. Ellison seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks“Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

d. Action to Employ Personnel

The Director recommended the employment of the following individuals:

a. Susan Wedig - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
b. Lauren Marrett - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional

Mr. Amerio moved to approve the employment of Susan Wedig and Lauren Marrett as presented. Mr. Landeck seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks“Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

e. Action to Approve Personnel Resignation

Joy Rohl - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional
Jennifer Colvin - 1.0 FTE Instructional Leader/Parent Educator
Sadie Huckstadt- 1.0 FTE Teacher

Mr. Amerio moved to approve the resignation of Joy Rohl, Jennifer Colvin, and Sadie Huckstadt as presented. Mr. Landeck seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

F. Action to Approve RCCSEC Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Amerio moved to approve the RCCSEC Collective Bargaining Agreement for 26-27, 27-28, and 28-29 as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: “Aye” Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Mr. Brooks“Nay” None. The motion carried. (8-0)

g. Action to Approve RCCSEC Board Secretary

Mr. Brink will serve as Board Secretary for the 26-27 school year due to the retirement of the current secretary, Barb Thompson.

Mr. Landeck moved to approve Brian Brink as RCCSEC Board Secretary for the 26-27 school year. Ms. Thomspon seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

h. Second Reading and Action to Approve RCCSEC Board Policies

2:200 Types of Board Meetings
2:220 Board Meeting Procedure
2:250 Access to Cooperative Public Records
2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
5:250 Leaves of Absence
5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:50 Cooperative Admissions and Eligibility for Services
7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
2:140-E Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

Ms. Thompson moved to approve the RCCSEC Board policies as presented. Mr. Landeck seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

i. Action to Approve FY 27 Executive Board Meeting Dates

July 9, 2026
August 13, 2026
September 10, 2026
October 7, 2026
November 12, 2026
December 10, 2026
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 8, 2027
May 13, 2027
June 10, 2027

Mr. Brink moved to approve the FY 27 Board meeting dates as presented. Ms. Thompson seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

<u>Discussion Items</u>

a. RCCSEC District Assessment Increase

It was decided that an increase to $150 per student will be added to the agenda in July. Jennifer Armstrong will work on forming a committee to discuss a plan for future Assessment increases.

b. CPI Dates

July 27	St. Joseph Grade/Middle
August 3	St. Joseph Grade/Middle
August 4	St. Joseph Grade/Middle
August 5	Heritage Elementary
August 6	St. Joseph Grade/Middle

Jennifer Armstrong stated that all CPI course registrations are on the RCCSEC website.

c. RCCSEC Professional Development

October 9 County Wide Inservice- Training on practical strategies for students with Trauma will take place in the morning and the afternoon is booked for a special education presentation.
Staff will register for the workshops on the RCCSEC website:
https://rccsec.org/resources/educators/workshop-signup

Date	Time:	Title:	Location:
Monday, August 3rd , 2026	1:30-3:30	After the MDR: Brandon Wright Admin Requested to Attend	IHotel: Technology Room
Monday, August 3-4, 2026	8:30-3:30	STAR Autism	St. Joseph Grade/Middle
Wednesday, August 26th , 2026	9:00-3:00	ED Eligibility Brandon Wright	IHotel: Technology Room
Thursday, October 1st , 2026	9:00-11:00	Legal Roundtable For RCCSEC Staff Brandon Wright	IHotel: Humanities Room
Friday, October 9th , 2026	9:00-12:00	Turning Evals into Powerhouse IEPs Brandon Wright All Sped Staff Requested to Attend	TBD
Wednesday, February 10th , 2027	9:00-3:00	Administrative Academy Brandon Wright	IHotel: Technology Room
Thursday, March 4th , 2027	9:00-11:00	Legal Roundtable For RCCSEC Staff Brandon Wright	IHotel: Humanities Room
Friday, October 8, 2027	TBD	Teach, Train, Thrive Lani Lawson, BCBA	TBD

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 2:25 PM, Mr. Ellison moved to adjourn. Mr. Brooks seconded. The motion carried.

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Mr. Brian Brink
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Ms. Kimberly Norton
Chair of the Board of Directors

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Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

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Ms. Bonnie McArthur
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors