

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 10, 2019

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

Members Present

Ms. Thompson
Mr. Larson
Mr. Davis
Ms. McArthur
Mr. Pence
Mr. Smith
Mr. Wilson
Mr. White
Mr. Brooks

Not Present

Mr. Graham

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Lori Bednarz, Special Education Administrator; Mr. Jordan Wiles, School Psychologist; Ms. Martine Nickols, Executive Assistant.

Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 12, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were in the packet.

b. Approval of Accounts Payable

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

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The reconciliation for the month of September was in the packet, listing a cash and investment balance of \$ 946,702.02.

Mr. Pence moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. White seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. Thompson, Mr. White, Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pence, Mr. Wilson, Ms. McArthur. The motion carried. (9-0)

Executive Session

At 1:03 PM, Ms. McArthur 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 following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Ms. McArthur, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Pence, Mr. Larson, Mr. Davis, Ms. Thompson, Mr. White, Mr. Smith. The motion carried. (9-0)

At 1:41 PM, Mr. Larson made the motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Second Reading and Action to Approve RCCSEC Board Policies

The Director recommended the approval of the following RCCSEC Board policies:

2:140	Communications to and from the Board
2:140-E	Guidance for Board Member Communication Including Email Use
2:230	Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
5:180	Temporary Illness and Temporary Incapacity
6:340	Student Testing and Assessment Program

Mr. White moved to approve the above Board policies as presented. Mr. Larson seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action to Approve RCCSEC FY 19 Audit

The packet included the auditor's letter to the Board noting that no significant deficiencies were found during the audit. There were no areas which needed improvement.

The Director pointed out to the Board that the audit lists a deficit of \$414,476.00.

Mr. Larson moved to approve the audit as presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Brooks, Mr. Pence, Mr. White, Mr. Smith, Mr. Larson, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Wilson, Ms. McArthur, Mr. Davis. The motion carried. (9-0)

Discussion Items

a. October 11, 2019 County Wide Inservice

The Director reported that a few member districts will be attending the October 11 Inservice on Executive Function at the Hilton Garden Inn.

b. Behavioral RTI

The Director reminded the Board that districts are mandated to have behavioral supports/interventions in place for students. RCCSEC is seeing a large increase in referrals for students with classroom behaviors. If these students are referred, the team will expect to see tried interventions, data, etc. for behavior.

Administrative Report

a. Cooperative Program Update

Spectrum

Mrs. Bednarz reported the following:

A foster child moved into Fisher with an IEP and individual aide.

Two students, both turning three on November 9th, from Early Intervention who have significant needs will need individual aide support. One is Thomasboro and the other PVO.

An individual aide still needs to be hired.

Vision and hearing screenings have been completed.

As of the date of the meeting, there were 176 students enrolled.

Mr. Pence asked that the Director provide districts with screenshots on how to complete the grant periodic reporting.

Public Participation

Jordan Wiles, School Psychologist, asked to Board to bear with the school psychologists' department as they try to complete all evaluations with only three psychologists. He said that it will probably take the psychologists the entire 60 days to complete evaluations.

Mr. Pence asked Mr. Wiles if there is any help which could be provided. Mr. Wiles asked that students not be referred if there is no data. The psychologists could also use help in organizing the data.

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The idea of hiring an RTI coordinator was also discussed. Maybe the Cooperative could hire an RTI coordinator on behalf of all the districts to cover all districts.

Good of the Cause Participation

There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 2:01 PM, Mr. Larson moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith 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

Ms. Barbara Thompson
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors