

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 11, 2021

Mr. Larson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 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

Mr. Larson
Mr. Davis
Mr. Graham
Mr. Pence
Ms. Turner
Mr. Brooks

Not Present

Ms. Thompson
Ms. McArthur
Mr. Smith (arrived at 1:08 PM)
Mr. Isenhower

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

Additions/Deletions

Discussion of difference in Pre-K numbers was added.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 14, 2021 Executive Board meeting were included in the packet.

b. Accounts Payable

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

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The financial report ending October 29, 2021, listing a cash and investment balance of \$ 668,175.00, was included in the packet.

Mr. Pence moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Pence, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" None. The motion carried. (6-0)

Executive Session

At 1:05 PM, Mr. Davis moved to go into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary for one or more classes of employees. Mr. Pence seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Mr. Smith arrived at 1:08 PM.

At 1:20 PM, Mr. Davis made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action to Accept Resignation of Personnel

The Director recommended the approval of the following resignation:

- Jon Gouliard - 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional

Mr. Brooks moved to approve the resignation of Jon Gouliard as presented. Mr. Smith seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

b. Action to Approve RCCSEC Insurance

Mr. Pence moved to offer two health insurance plan options for calendar year 2022:

1. POS-C + 2000 with HRA:
Employee Only HRA: \$250.00 front and \$750.00 back end
Family HRA: \$500.00 front and \$1,500.00 back end
2. POS 2000 50% 6000 with HRA:
Employee Only HRA: \$250.00 front and \$2000.00 back end
Family HRA: \$500.00 front and \$4,000.00 back end

Mr. Brooks seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" none. The motion carried. (7-0)

c. Action to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

The Board packet included an MOU with the Union to adjust the evaluation cycle for tenured PEL (Professional Educator Licensed) employees.

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, a tenured teacher (PEL employee) whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" shall be evaluated at least once in the course of the three school years after receipt of the rating. Each tenured teacher (PEL employee) whose performance is rated as either "excellent" or "proficient" shall be informally observed at least once in the course of the two school years after receipt of the rating.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union to adjust the evaluation cycle for tenured professional educator licensed employees. Mr. Pence seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Davis, Mr. Larson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Pence, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Brooks; "Nay" none. The motion carried. (7-0)

Discussion Items

Spectrum

The Director alerted ISBE that Spectrum had closed one classroom due to lack of teachers. The PFA grant will be reduced and this will affect transportation. At the time of the meeting, the grant had not been reduced yet.

The numbers listed in the Board packet were based on a full program of 180 students. However, a full program is 175 students. Based on this with 5 classrooms, the program will be full with 145 students. Current enrollment is 141 students.

The billing for special education students will be less since part of the costs are paid out of ESSER funds.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:28 PM, Mr. Brooks 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