

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
August 9, 2018  
RCC Schilling Salon**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 11:49 a.m.

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M  
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo  
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon  
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth Dan Brue - Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion  
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley  
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region  
Kathy Horath – Macon Piatt Special Education

**Absent:**

Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools

DeAnn Heck moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

**Finance Report**

Bret Hitchings presented the expenditures for May. Amanda Geary moved to approve the purchases totaling \$58,076.55 from May as submitted. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**Closed Session**

None needed

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings explained that our CTEI grant had been approved, but we were still waiting for Perkins to be approved. We were advised by our ISBE consultant it is consider substantially approved so we are able to start purchasing supplies needed for the start of the school year.

Enrollment for 2018-19 is slightly up from last year at this time. We will still have changes up through the first few weeks of school. Bret appreciates everyone's support in recognizing the importance of the career preparation programs we offer for students.

Bret added information about about Career exploration programs that are available to schools this year. Career Cruising has been renamed to Xello. They are significantly increasing their cost to \$4.95 per student which would likely not fit within our grants any longer. For F19, Xello did reduce the rates to match our current rates. We conducted a needs assessment with counselors last spring and looked at many options. Some schools in our region received a grant for a program called major clarity. He worked with the founder of Major Clarity to

receive a grant for the entire region, which we can now do for approximately \$3,000 more. We will be working with schools on implementation of Major Clarity this fall.

**Old Business**

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to approve a \$1,200 flat rate salary increase for full time employees and prorated for part time employees. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Damian Jones moved to adopt the FY19 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland EFE Region #390. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to adopt the FY19 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland Technical Academy. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**New Business**

Dan Brue moved to approve the resignation of Jenny Kosiec as the Early Childhood Education instructor. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Brett Robinson moved to approve the hire of Abigail Chapman as the Early Childhood Education instructor pending criminal background check and achieving certification. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

The next meeting date will tentatively be Thursday, September 20, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC 121.

Travis Roundcount moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Brett Robinson  
Board of Control Chairperson

9-19-18  
Date Approved

Robert D. Meadows  
Board of Control Secretary Signature

9-19-18  
Date Approved

Kathy Roe  
Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

9-19-18  
Date Approved