

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
December 17, 2020  
Macon Piatt Special Education Office**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 10:05 a.m.

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M  
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo  
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools  
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth  
Andy Pygott - Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion  
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley  
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham  
Matt Synder – ROE Superintendant  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Horath – Special Education

**Absent:** Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon

Andy Pygott moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

**Finance Report**

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for November were presented. Brett Robinson moved to approve the purchases. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent.

**Closed Session**

None

**Personnel Report**

Bret Hitchings presented a letter of retirement for Greg Bradley as of the end of FY 20-21. Paul Fregeau moved to accept this letter. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent.

Bret also submitted a request to extend Kim Parkinson's contract for Spring Semester. Kim was hired as a Student Support Specialist/In House Substitute Teacher for Fall Semester. John Ahlemeyer moved to extend the contract. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent.

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings told the Board that he intends to post the position for a Student Success Coordinator to replace Greg Bradley and bring a candidate to the board in January if he is able to do so.

Richland Community College has opted to continue with remote learning for Spring Semester. Heartland Tech will be resuming school January 5 but will be remote until January 19 when students will be returning in smaller groups much like we did for Fall Semester. Students who had a Richland Instructor would not return until 1/19.

Bret has submitted an RFP for an Education Pathway Grant. This would allow us to offer a new program as early as Fall 2021 for students interested in careers in education.

**Old Business**

None

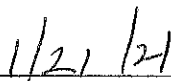
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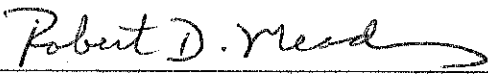
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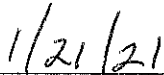
The next meeting date will be January 21, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. at Macon Piatt Special Education.

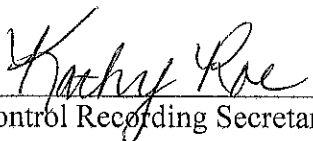
Brett Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

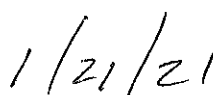
  
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