

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
February 18, 2021
Richland Shilling Salon**

The meeting was called to order by Bret Hitchings at 10:05 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth
Andy Pygott - Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Region Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region
Kathy Horath – Special Education

Absent: DeAnn Heck – Central A&M

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for January were given in the board packet. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No. 1 absent.

Closed Session

Damian Jones moved to go into closed session at 10:16 to discuss the director's evaluation. Bob Meadows seconded the motion.

Amanda Geary motioned to come out of executive session at 10:20. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion.

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings told the board that we had received a new Education Pathways Grant. He explained this would provide the entire county with funds to offer students a pathway for careers in education. Bret said the money could be used to offset tuition and provide a stipend to someone for part time work in the summer.

The enrollment process for the 2021-22 school year has been delayed. We have developed a way for interested students to enter in on our webpage what they are interested in taking at Tech. Bret then has the capability to sort by school and send the information to the home school counselor so they can meet with the students to gather more information. It will be providing an alternate way of capturing student's interest remotely. Bret is not planning to have a finance committee meeting prior to the March board meeting because he does not intend to recommend any staffing changes for this coming year.

Bret reminded that we will have a vacancy in Auto Technology at the end of this school year. He will be posting the position in the next few days and hopes to bring a candidate to the board for approval in March.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next meeting date will be March 18, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC on Richland campus.

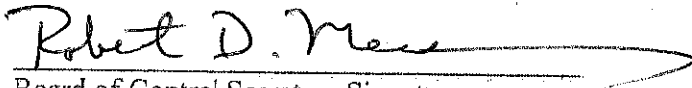
Amanda Geary moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson

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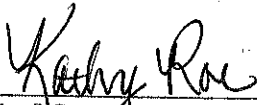
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