

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
January 21, 2021
Macon Piatt Special Education Office**

The meeting was called to order by Bret Hitchings 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

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting as presented. Brett Robinson seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for December were presented. Damian Jones moved to approve the purchases. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No. 1 absent.

Closed Session

None

Personnel Report

Bret Hitchings recommended the hiring of Tim Dever as a part-time Student Success Coordinator for FY 21-22 for up to 120 days or the maximum number of days allowed by TRS, whichever is less. Brett Robinson moved to accept this motion. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes. 0 No. 1 absent.

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings explained the procedures for offering in person activities at HTA. We will follow the same system as we did last Fall. We will continue screening students as they enter and having smaller groups of students at a time. As we are able we will increase the number of in-person opportunities and the group sizes for instruction taking place on campus. Bret provided assurance that even though students may miss days of in-person learning, we will do our best to give them every opportunity to earn the dual credit or certifications that our programs offer.

The enrollment process for the 2021-22 school year is being delayed because of timing issues that counselors are facing due to COVID. Usually we ask for tentative enrollment numbers be given to us the middle of

February so we can make staffing decisions in March. This year Bret does not anticipate making any staffing changes in March even if we have uncertain enrollment numbers at that time.

Bret asked the superintendents to please share a copy of their FY 21-22 calendar with him so that we can develop the Tech calendar for next year. We normally follow Decatur's calendar as much as possible.

The Director's evaluation form was emailed in the board packet. Bret will be doing his self-evaluation. The evaluation process will be completed at the March meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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


Damian Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson

2/18/21


Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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