

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
March 18, 2021
Richland NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:06 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M
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 Director
Travis Friedrich – Special Education Assistant Director
Jill Reedy – Assistant Regional Superintendent

Absent: None

Amanda Geary moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for February were given in the board packet. Travis Roundcount moved to approve the purchases. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 10 Yes, 0 No.

Closed Session

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings explained that as we approached the end of the semester more HTA programs would be spending more time on campus for in-person learning in order to meet course objectives, especially for college credit. Our Early Childhood class and Criminal Justice classes have been mainly remote but have some objectives to complete in person. Richland is still requiring the temperature screenings even though we have received guidance that we do not need to continue that. Bret said he can use CARES money to pay for a teacher to help students finish their certifications in the summer.

The enrollment process for the 2021-22 school year has been delayed. We usually have enrollment numbers by this meeting but because of Covid issues and meeting with students we probably won't be receiving all the applications until late April. We have developed an online instrument to help counselors identify students that are interested in HTA courses.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bret Hitchings is recommending Wayne Snearly for the FY22 opening in Auto Technology. Wayne taught for the Tech Academy previously. Brett Robinson moved to employ Wayne Snearly as a full time Automotive Technology instructor beginning with the Fall semester. Dee Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 10 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings presented the resignation of Kim Parkinson-Hahn who was hired this year as a part-time student support specialist and in-house substitute. Kim's primary responsibilities were working with students that struggled with remote learning. Damian Jones motioned to accept the resignation. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 10 Yes, 0 No.

The next meeting date will be April 15, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC on Richland campus.

Amanda Geary moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Brett Robinson

Board of Control Chairperson

4-15-21

Date Approved

Robert D. Meadows

Board of Control Secretary Signature

4-15-21

Date Approved

Kathy Roe

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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Date Approved