

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
January 17, 2019
RCC NSEC Exhibit Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:45 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools
Dan Brue - Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent of Schools
Jill Reedy – Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools

Absent:

Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth

Dan Brue moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting as presented. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

December expenditures were presented. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases totaling \$55,794.84 as submitted. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent.

Closed Session

None needed

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings gave an update on enrollment for the Spring semester. We always lose students between semester, and this year we lost more than we anticipated in our initial budget. However, we have more students than we had last year at this time, and because we budgeted conservatively on our expenses, we still are in good shape for the fiscal year.

Bret told the board that we are still waiting on a couple of schools to turn in their Program Improvement expense approval form. Any purchase of a single item over \$500 must be approved by ISBE before purchasing. When we have all requests in from the schools we do an amendment with ISBE and list all equipment items individually.

We have a long standing agreement with Mr. John's School of Cosmetology. We are in year three of a three year agreement. According to our agreement any changes must be done by our February Board meeting or the

contract automatically renews. Bret is working with Mr. John's on a couple changes to the contract for future years. Specifically, our current contract states that we reimburse Mr. John's for instructional items that are used for our students. We would like this to be clarified indicating that we will only reimburse for items that can be included in our CTE grants. Textbooks, for example, are not reimbursable items.

Our annual Advisory Board meetings with our industry and Richland partners are scheduled for February 20. Student Recognition is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Bret invited each school to attend.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bret asked that the schools communicate with HTA as they begin finalizing their school calendars for next year. Our calendar usually aligns very closely with the DPS calendar. Bret also stated that RCC has approved a calendar for each of the next 3 years. He will email that out to the schools. The Farm Progress Show will be on campus this year and which will require that we have 2 non-attendance days in the early part of the Spring semester.

Our 2019-2020 enrollment applications are due the middle of February. We will need the information for staffing needs for the March Board meeting.

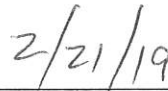
Brett Robinson said the process for the Director's evaluation will be much the same as last year. He will be sending information to each superintendent for input and will finalize the evaluation at the March meeting.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 9:52 a.m. at NSEC Exhibit Hall.

Dan Brue moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Kristin Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson



Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature



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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature



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