

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
November 19, 2019  
Richland NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:40 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  
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Jill Reedy – Regional Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

**Absent:**

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting as presented. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

**Finance Report**

The expenditures for October were presented. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

**Closed Session**

None

**Director's Report**

Bret reminded everyone of the recent issues that was sending email to spam folders. He has been informed that the problem is fixed, but asked everyone to let him know if they think they may be missing communications from our office.

With the new Perkins law the state is requiring a CTE Program of Study approval report and a comprehensive local needs assessment to be done. It has to be done at each school and sent to the EFE for approval before going to the state. EFE offices have been given information from ISBE which should help with the process. The due date has been pushed back to December 16. That data will be built into a template for the comprehensive needs assessment that each district will have to complete. When the Local Needs Assessment becomes active. Bret offered to organize a meeting here on campus for all those involved to help with the process and ensure that everything gets submitted correctly.

We received a letter from Mr. John's informing us that they are shutting their doors officially in June of this coming year. We will be exploring possibilities over the next few months to see what options exist to offer cosmetology in the future.

Our inclement weather policy states if Decatur or Richland cancels for hazardous weather/road conditions, Tech Academy will be closed. If the county school is closed and Decatur is still in session, Tech will be in session and those students from your school will be excused.

There was a discussion about the possibility of Decatur having to close school due to a teaching assistant strike. The concern would be for students that do not have transportation to get to the college. It was discussed that Tech Academy could still be open and students from Decatur could ride the city bus to come to class. . Bret said that students who chose not to come could lose college credit for the dual credit courses that they are enrolled in. Even if absences were excused, students are responsible for all work.

### New Business

Bret presented the FY19 Annual Financial Report with no findings from the auditors. John Ahlemeyer moved to approve the audit. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

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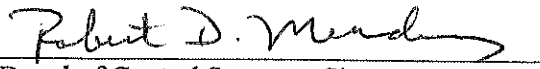
None.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at RCC NSEC.

Bob Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

  
Board of Control Chairperson

12/19/19  
Date Approved

  
Board of Control Secretary Signature

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