

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
March 19, 2020  
Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education.**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 7:55 a.m.

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M  
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo  
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon  
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth  
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley  
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham  
Jill Reedy – Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Kathy Horath – Macon Piatt Special Education  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

**Absent:**

Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools  
Andy Pygott - Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion

Brett Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor

**Finance Report**

The expenditures for February were presented. Brett Robinson moved to approve the purchases. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

**Closed Session**

None

**Director's Report**

Bret gave an update on how the HTA courses and the Dual Credit courses will be offered for now. As it stands right now, Richland has officially extended Spring Break through this week and they have plans for remote learning for next week. The Tech teachers will follow that model and have students work on their career portfolios. The intent is to provide students with opportunities that they will benefit from if they choose to complete them. As of now the students were told to come back on Tuesday, March 31. Bret has been working with Richland concerning the dual credit portion of our Tech Academy credit for our classes and they are still finalizing some things.

Bret gave an update on our potential enrollment for next year. Enrollment figures are up (632) with requests exceeding capacity in many programs. We try to serve as many students as possible and give them the opportunity to be in the classes that they are interested in. We always lose students over the summer, so at least for now some students will be enrolled in their second choices or put on a wait list.

**New Business**

We will be accepting proposals for a provider for Cosmetology instruction. Bret has had multiple entities contact him with interest in offering this instruction. The RFP in the packet will need to be approved. Bret was inviting those interested to do face-to-face interviews, and he anticipates bringing a recommendation for a Cosmetology provider to the April Board meeting.

Damian Jones moved to approve the RFP for Cosmetology. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

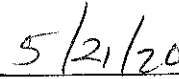
Bret asked that anyone contact him with questions concerning dual credit and Tech Academy programs.

The next meeting will be March 19 at 8:45 a.m. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Bob Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



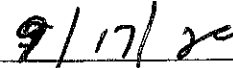
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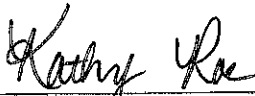
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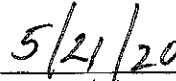
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