

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
April 15, 2021
Richland NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:55 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
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
Matt Snyder - Regional Superintendent

Absent: DeAnn Heck – Central A&M

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

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for March were given in the board packet. Damian Jones moved to approve the purchases. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

Bret Hitchings asked the Board to approve tuition reimbursement for an HTA instructor to obtain 6 graduate credit hours as part of necessary coursework to teach transferrable dual credit classes. This would be paid out of the Education Pathways Grant. Paul Fregeau moved to approve. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings requested the Board to approve a \$1600 stipend for an HTA instructor for curriculum development and lesson planning performed summer of 2021, paid from the Education Pathways Grant. Amanda Geary moved to approve. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings requested the Board to approve an additional 20 days of employment for the month of June 2021 for HTA support staff, paid out of Education Pathways grant. Amanda Geary moved to approve. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings explained that as we approached the end of the semester more HTA programs would be spending more in-person learning on campus in order to meet course objectives, especially for college credit. We are focusing on using our lab space as efficiently as possible which the priority of completing requirements for dual credit.

Most of the schools have supplied us with their enrollment applications for next year and seem very consistent with previous years. DPS hasn't had much access with their students and the counselors are working hard to meet with students and get us the information we need. We hope to have solid numbers from DPS by the middle of May. We are also working with DPS to help provide summer programs to make sure students are caught up on classes and are able to take Tech Academy classes in the Fall.

The college is implementing weekly saliva testing for their staff and students. As of now, this is not going to be required for the Tech Academy. The college is very focused on doing everything they can to get their students back on campus. That may be another source of optimism for us to offer more in-school instruction for our students in the Fall.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bret Hitchings presented the tentative FY22 budgets for the EFE 390 and for the Heartland Technical Academy. Bret said we needed to present our tentative budget for FY22 so it can be on display for 30 days. Joint Agreements have to be sent to the State by September 1st and will need to be approved at the August meeting. Andy Pygott moved to approve the tentative budget for the FY22 Heartland Technical Academy. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

John Ahlemeyer moved to approve the tentative budget for FY22 Heartland EFE #390. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings requested to renew the annual agreement with Reflections Academy of Beauty for FY22. Andy Pygott moved to approve. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings requested to adopt a tuition rate of \$900 per student/per semester for FY22. Paul Fregeau moved to approve. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Bret Hitchings presented the tentative calendar for FY21-22. It aligns with Decatur Public School and works well with Richland's first day of classes. Andy Pygott moved to approve the calendar for FY21-22. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 No.

Amanda Geary moved to nominate the current slate of officers for next year. They are Brett Robinson – Chair, Travis Roundcount – Vice Chair and Bob Meadows - Secretary. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

The next meeting date will be in August, with the time, place and date to be determined. There will be no meeting in May, June and July.

Amanda Geary moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

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Board of Control Chairperson

8-3-21

Date Approved

Robert D. Mendy

Board of Control Secretary Signature

8/3/21

Date Approved

Kathy Rae

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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Date Approved