

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

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:25 a.m.

Present:

Damain Jones – Argenta Oreana
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth
Andy Pygott - Meridian
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

Absent: DeAnn Heck – Central A&M
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion

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

Finance Report

Bret Hitchings reminded the board that our FY20 Perkins allocation decreased by 16 ½ %. As he explained last spring, IBSE states this was because ISBE lowered their baseline amount for Perkins, added some “set aside” funds for competitive grants, and that the poverty count for schools in our region decreased on school’s census data. He asked each school to look for a notice in January or February of the poverty count in the census data and consider deadlines to appeal that count if it does not seem accurate. Because of the decrease in Perkin’s funds, there may be a slight reduction this year in Program Improvement money given to each school. While the decrease in Perkin’s impact our page, the largest impact comes from enrollment. The last several years we also received unexpected funds from the state in November which will help. In other grants, the state does not allow more than a 10% decrease in money given in a single year. Bret inquired about this and the state sent out a survey to see what percent decrease everyone received. Hopefully they will reconsider and send us the difference.

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for July and August were presented. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Closed Session

None

Director’s Report

Bret Hitchings reported that he will be scheduling visits to each school to talk to and recruit sophomores and to touch base with counselors, administrators, and CTE teachers CTE teachers as part of his EFE Director’s responsibility.

There are two new Tech Programs in partnership with Richland on the horizon. There will be a CDL class opening in the Spring with 8 spots available for high school students. This course may change to a year-long program next year because of the increase of hours required to earn a certification. Plus the students must be 18 years old to get the certification. Richland will also be offering a Cybersecurity associates degree in 2020-21 that will offer students the opportunity to earn dual credit toward this degree and prepare for careers in networking and tech services.

Manufacturing Day will be October 17 and 18. DPS students will attend on the 17th and the Heartland Tech students who enrolled in classes that are connected with manufacturing careers will participate on the 18th. We partner with EDC to provide this activity. It is the 5th year for this and it has been a well-received event.

Perkins IV has changed significantly and every region is required this year to conduct a local needs assessment. The good news is we are already doing a lot of what they require (partnership with the college, dual credit and connections with industry partners).

Our Business Partners luncheon will be October 25. We are doing it in the Fall this year in conjunction with the local needs assessment. Since it is a non-attendance day for our students, our teachers will also be participating in an active shooter training that morning with Richland and Decatur police.

We have tentatively set up November 13, 14, and 15 as sophomore tour days for students to come take a look at our programs and what we offer.

New Business

None

Old Business

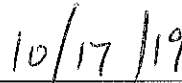
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The next meeting date will be Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at RCC NSEC.

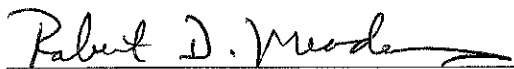
John Ahlemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



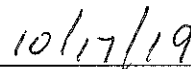
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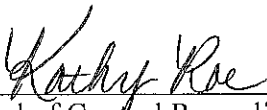
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