

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
October 17, 2019
Richland NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 8:58 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
Teresa Bailey – Warrensburg-Latham
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent of Schools
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

Absent:

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The expenditures for September were presented. Damian Jones moved to approve the purchases. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Closed Session

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings reminded the board about the ISBE Listening tour hosted by Richland on 10/23. It is the 3rd of these listening tours that the State is conducting to gather information as they update the state plan for CTE and Perkins activities. In Bret's opinion, what we are doing here with the partnership with the college, post-secondary connection and what we do with our industry partners greatly aligns with ISBE goals and initiatives. One thing they are very focused on is the size and scope definition, which is every school based on enrollment is going to have requirements for programs of study and career and tech education pathways. Bret thinks our career center model exemplifies how partnerships like those we have in place can make a positive difference for students, and he intends to be proactive in conveying that to ISBE. Bret also gave an update on the required Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment, saying it looks like each school will need to conduct a "CLNA". Bret is happy to help with that process. He also said that ISBE mentioned they were developing a template that should facilitate this for local districts.

We are working on getting the program improvement fund allocations out to the schools. It may be a little less than last year because of the reduction in our Perkins allocation this year.

We partner with the EDC and RCC to conduct Manufacturing Day activities which are held today and tomorrow on campus. We have a few hundred DPS students here today touring Richland programs and tomorrow the Tech students will visit 7 different manufacturing sites in the area.

Bret will be visiting the area schools to talk to sophomore students between October 22 and November 1. Sophomore students will be invited to Richland to tour our classes on November 13, 14, and 15.

New Business

None

Old Business

Bret presented the FY20 attachment to the Richland Agreement with Heartland Technical Academy. DeAnn Heck moved to adopt the attachment. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

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


Damian Jones moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson

11/19/19

Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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