

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
January 16, 2020  
Richland NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 8:58 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  
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham  
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Jill Reedy – Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

**Absent:**

DeAnn Heck – Central A&M

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting as presented. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**Finance Report**

The expenditures for December were presented. Damian Jones moved to approve the purchases. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**Closed Session**

None

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings provided an update on enrollment for the Spring semester. We lost a few more students than we budgeted, however we budget conservatively. Also many of the students that did not return for Spring were enrolled in cosmetology or an RCC taught program where we pay a tuition to Mr. John's or RCC, so the impact on the budget is not as significant.

The director's evaluation instrument has been updated and was shared at the December board meeting. If the current version is acceptable, it will need to be adopted during the New Business portion of this meeting. The evaluation is usually presented in February.

Bret has been working directly with contacts from each district to finalize the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment according to ISBE's requirements. He will be sending documents to the schools as each step of this process becomes available. He will do his best to make this as easy as possible for our school districts.

Bret reminded the Board that we will be working on next year's school calendar and asked for input from each of the districts to align best with all of our schools. We usually follow the DPS calendar closely.

We are asking that enrollment requests for next year are sent to the Tech office by the end of February. Bret intends to provide enrollment figures for the Board by the March meeting.

As discussed at meetings last fall, Mr. John's will no longer be providing a cosmetology program as of the end of this year. Bret spoke with our school attorney about selecting a new provider for this program. He will have a Request For Proposal available. She is sending a template of the document and Bret hopes to have something to approve at the March Board meeting.

Theresa McCormick, one of our nursing instructors, submitted a letter of retirement. We will look at options to on how best to fill this position that will best use our resources and labs to accommodate our medical terminology portion, our CNA theory and lab portion, and anticipating a new health careers and exploration component. Bret will bring a proposal to a later meeting.

### **New Business**

Paul Fregeau moved to adopt the revised Director evaluation instrument as presented. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Amanda Geary moved to accept the Theresa McCormick's letter of retirement effective May 29, 2020. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

### **Old Business**

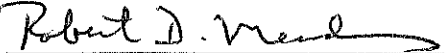
None.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. at RCC NSEC.

John Ahlemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

  
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Board of Control Chairperson

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