

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
August 6, 2019
Millikin University**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 11:15 a.m.

Present:

Sean German – 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
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

Absent: None

DeAnn Heck moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for May and June were presented. Travis Roundcount moved to approve the purchases totaling \$72,634.96 and \$44,672.04 respectively as submitted. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Closed Session

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings explained that he talked to ISBE about the Perkins Grant being lower this year. ISBE had reported to Bret in the Spring that it was lower because of local census data, a smaller baseline compared to previous years, and the state keeping some set aside funds for special projects. Bret said that he noted to ISBE consultants that in the past, ISBE has not reduced (or increased) state grants to individual entities by more than 10% from one fiscal year to the next. Our reduction is more than 16% in FY20. ISBE is considering Bret's request to operate similarly with Perkins and not exceeding 10% reduction in a given year. If we do receive the extra money at a later date it will go for more supplies to purchase items for the Region. We have a new ISBE consultant this year. Her name is Heather Strom. First revisions of our grant applications have been submitted and we are awaiting approval.

Bret updated the Board on our enrollment. We are up over 113 students from last year. Many HTA programs have a waiting list.

Bret also updated the Board on changes RCC is making when a student does not successfully meet all objectives for college credit. In the past Richland had procedures in place for dual credit stating any student that was not going to earn at least a C on their college transcript was voided on their college transcript instead of withdrawn. This needed to be done before grades were posted by the instructor. RCC is revising this by having earlier set dates by which a student should be removed. This makes it possible that a student may receive a D, F, or W on his/her RCC transcript. A letter from RCC will be in our handbook explaining this change.

New Business

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to adopt the FY20 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland EFE Region #390. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

Travis Roundcount moved to adopt the FY20 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland Technical Academy. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

Dee Heck moved to approve a 3% or \$1,700 rate salary increase (whichever is greater) for full time employees of Heartland Technical Academy which will be prorated for part time employees. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent, 1 Abstention.

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to adopt the FY19-20 calendar. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

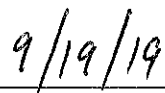
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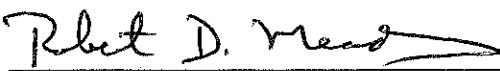
Bob Meadows moved to approve the hire of John Werts as the Agriculture Mechanics and Technology instructor pending criminal background check and achieving certification. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

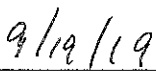
The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at RCC NSEC.


Kristin Kendrick-Weikle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

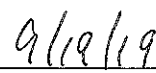

Board of Control Chairperson


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