

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
February 21, 2019  
RCC NSEC**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 10:20 a.m.

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M  
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo  
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools Proxy: Todd Covault  
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon  
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth  
Dan Brue - Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion  
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley  
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

**Absent:**

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

**Finance Report**

The monthly financial summary and the Expenditures for January were presented. Travis Roundcount moved to approve the purchases totaling \$30,089.27 as submitted. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**Closed Session**

Dan Brue moved to go to Closed Session at 10:22 to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Dan Brue moved to return to Open Session at 10:43. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings explained that we have requested the enrollment forms from the schools by tomorrow, 2/22. However Decatur has been given an extension until March 1 because they are transitioning to a new student management system. The nursing placement test is scheduled for March 6. We hope to have those applications processed and provide enrollment numbers by the second week of March to have initial numbers before the March board meeting. If needed we will have a finance committee meeting before the March board meeting to discuss staffing needs.

The process for enrolling students that attend a private school or are home-schooled was discussed. We regularly have students who want to attend Tech from LSA, St. Teresa or homeschooled students. The process has been that they enroll part time in the public school where they reside and HTA tuition will be billed to that school for that student(s). The student's application must be signed by the public school to authorize us to bill the school for Tech tuition. It was discussed and agreed to continue this process. The schools can then individually determine how much they will charge that student to attend Tech Academy to "make whole" the tuition amount that is charged to them.

Heartland EFE contracted with Major Clarity this year to provide career exploration to the schools in our region. Bret was instructed that grant money was available to help partially fund this project as a reimbursement. The reimbursement however was sent to each school. The \$500 checks from IASA need to be deposited and then a check sent payable to Heartland Technical Academy.

Advisory Board Luncheon with industry partners was held on February 20. We have business partners and industry and postsecondary partners come in to meet with our programs. These activities are very instrumental in helping us have those positive connections. One positive thing that came out of the meeting yesterday is that one of our partners is organizing a speakers' bureau to provide speakers for programs to utilize.

Student Recognition is scheduled for May 2nd.

#### **New Business**

Damian Jones moved to approve the resignation of Aidan Tierney effective March 8 as discussed in closed session. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Dan Brue moved to approve a one year contract with Mr. John's School of Cosmetology. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

#### **Old Business**

The next meeting date will be Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC.

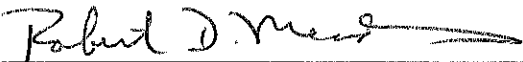
Bob Meadows moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson

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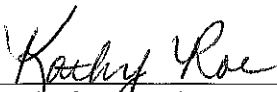
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