

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

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 8:50 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
Dan Brue - Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

Absent:

None

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for February were presented. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases totaling \$35,448.14 as submitted. Bob Meadows seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Closed Session

Amanda Geary moved to go to Closed Session at 8:53 to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

Dan Brue moved to return to Open Session at 9:06. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

Dan Brue moved to approve hire Josh Adams as Welding Instructor as discussed in closed session retroactive to March 11. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Amanda Geary moved to approve the Director's employment contract as discussed in closed session from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 with the annual salary to be determined each year. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings explained that we have received over 635 enrollment applications for Fall 2019 and we are looking for ways to serve more students in some of our courses that are overcrowded. One way is to look into a

“late bird” or evening session of some programs like Welding or Automotive Technology. Another is to employ qualified teaching assistants to help in some programs. A third idea Bret presented was to develop and offer a new class for students related to essential skills and career exploration. This would be for students that are not able to enroll in the technical skill class. The performance of Junior students in this class can be considered when they seek enrollment to the technical skill class as seniors. He compared this process to how we currently use our medical terminology class to help students prepare to be successful in the nursing assistant program. The success of this type of program would largely depend on the teacher that leads it and would require hiring another staff member. Bret asked for feedback on these three ideas and the board was supportive of further exploring these options.

Bret reminded the board that Major Clarity and Career Cruising Springboard were available to each of the schools this year. He said that next year we will likely be able to provide for one of these two programs into our grants. He suggested that each school let him know which they would prefer. He will work with School Counselors as needed to determine each school’s preference.

Important Dates:

Richland Preview Night and HTA Orientation is April 11.

Student Recognition is scheduled for May 2nd.

New Business

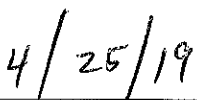
Old Business

The next meeting date will be Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC.

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



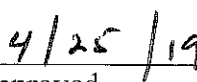
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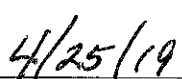
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