

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
April 24, 2019
RCC SC01**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:42 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools proxy: Bobbi Williams
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

Absent:

None

Bob Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for February were presented. Dee Heck moved to approve the purchases totaling \$73,348.05 as submitted. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Closed Session

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings reported that Damian Jones had contacted him about interest in a CDL program offered by Richland. They met with ADM representatives and John Oliver from Richland to discuss this option. This is preliminary but plans are being put in place to offer CDL instruction during the Spring 2020 semester. The program would offer a 160 hour certificate for high school seniors second semester. Bret is working with counselors to identify students who are interested in this opportunity.

The HTA calendar is largely influenced by the Decatur Public school calendar. Bobbie Williams said she would send the current tentative DPS calendar to Bret. Bret said our plan would be to adopt a calendar in May even if it is tentative and adjust in August if needed.

We still do not have our grant allocations for next year but as soon as we receive them Bret will request a Finance meeting to determine tuition for next year. Our enrollment is substantially up from last year at this time. Last year we had to wait until the August meeting to approve teacher's salary information and may have to do the same this year.

Bret is meeting with counselors today in partnership with the Richland Articulation breakfast. Because of increased enrollment, Bret will be proposing the possibility of adding a late bird class for Welding and Auto. Another possibility is to offer a new full-time class for Work Place Essential Skills. Bret is also exploring the option of having an Agricultural Mechanics and Technology class. He will provide more information at the May Board of Control meeting, and might be requesting to hire faculty to lead new programs.

Important Dates:

4/25 Counselor Academy

5/2 Student Recognition

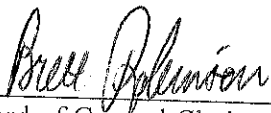
5/22 Last day of Tech classes

New Business

Old Business

The next meeting date will be Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at NSEC.

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.



Board of Control Chairperson



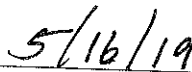
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