

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
May 16, 2019
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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
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth
Dan Brue - Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Kristen Kendrick-Weikle – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

Absent:

Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley

Jeff Dase, new DPS Assistant Superintendent, was present at the meeting.

John Ahlemeyer moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting as presented. Dan Brue seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for April were presented. Paul Fregeau moved to approve the purchases totaling \$37,833.50 as submitted. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Closed Session - None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings reported that a Finance Committee meeting consisting of Paul Fregeau, Damian Jones, Brett Robinson, Travis Roundcount and Matt Snyder was held on May 14. They discussed the updated enrollment for FY20, specifically discussing options to serve the high number of students interested in Welding and Auto Tech. It was discussed to add an Ag Mechanics and Technology class and work with students and counselors to determine if students that originally expressed in interest in welding or auto tech would be interested in Ag Mechanics and Technology instead. Bret added that this class fits very well with the addition and expansion of new ag programs regionally. Bret would advertise for an Ag Mechanics instructor, pending enrollment.

The committee discussed the end of the year Fund Balance and appropriately keeping it at 10% - 15% of Fund balance. Rather than lowering tuition, they agreed to keep tuition at the same amount as FY19.

We just received our allocations for next year and even though CTE is comparable to last year, Perkins is quite a bit lower. Perkins is used for Support Staff salaries and supplies for our programs and program improvement

money available for the schools. Bret inquired with ISBE and was given reasons for the decrease for our schools. He was told that the poverty count from census data for each school was significantly lower and that was why Perkins funding was decreased. Also in the past the State has had carry-over funds that goes in Perkins that goes into the base line of what is given to the schools. However, this year they do not have a carry-over balance. Also this year for the first time the State has set aside Perkins funds for competitive grants for districts, EFE's and possibly Career Centers.

Bret also suggested waiting until August to take action on teacher salary increase. The last couple of years the raises have been a flat \$1,200 increase. Bret shared that in the Finance committee meeting they discussed doing something different this year, partially because of the increase in enrollment. One idea was to either give a flat dollar amount increase or a percent increase, whichever is higher, for each individual teacher.

Each school will to have access to Major Clarity for FY20 paid for out of the EFE and HTA budgets.

New Business

Bret Hitchings presented the tentative FY20 budgets for the EFE 390 and for the Heartland Technical Academy. Bret said we would have to present our tentative budget for FY20 so it can be on display for 30 days. Joint Agreements have to be sent to the State by September 1st and will need to be approved at the August meeting.

Damian Jones moved to approve the tentative budget for the FY20 Heartland EFE 390. John Ahlemeyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Paul Fregeau moved to approve the tentative budget for the FY20 Heartland Technical Academy. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Kristen Kendrick-Weikle moved to set the tuition rate at \$1,800 a year. Paul Fregeau seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

We are waiting for action in August on teacher salary increases.

Bret Hitchings presented the tentative calendar for FY19-20. Bret noted that this will be a Farm Progress year meaning we will have two non-attendance days in August due to the Farm Progress show. John Ahlemeyer moved to approve the tentative calendar for FY19-20. Kristen Kendrick-Weikle seconded the motion. Roll call vote 9 yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Damian Jones moved to nominate the current slate of officers for next year. They are Brett Robinson – Chair, Travis Roundcount – Vice Chair and Bob Meadows - Secretary. DeAnn Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Old Business - None

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at Millikin University.

John Ahlemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Brett Robinson

Board of Control Chairperson

8/6/19

Date Approved

Robert D. ...

Board of Control Secretary Signature

8/6/19

Date Approved

Kathy Rae

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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