

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
September 17, 2020  
Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:23 a.m.

**Present:**

Damain Jones – Argenta Oreana  
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo  
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M  
Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools  
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth  
Andy Pygott - Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion  
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley  
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director  
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region

**Absent:** Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote. All in favor.

**Finance Report**

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for July were presented. DeAnn Heck moved to approve the purchases. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote. 9 Yes, 0 No. 1 absent.

**Closed Session**

None

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings reported even with the remote activities that are in place, our enrollment continues to trend up. Students seem to be recognize that we are fortunate to have access to our labs and have been extremely compliant with following the safety rules that are in place including wearing masks and maintaining distancing. We screen every student at the door on a daily basis. We have most students coming on rotational days with Friday being set aside to help students come in to catch up on missing work or get extra lab time. Tech will continue this schedule through 1<sup>st</sup> semester since Richland opted to go all remote this semester. We will work with RCC on plans for the Spring semester.

Bret reported that many of our regular Fall activities will be conducted differently this year due to safety precautions that are in place. This includes his visits to school to work with CTE programs and also to visit potential HTA students. We will also not be able to have our regular sophomore tours like we usually do. We will be working with counselors to identify the best ways to connect with students. In addition, we invite our business partners to collaborate with our teachers on what is needed to employ our students. Our teachers will still be conducting these activities, but in a remote format.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**


None

The next meeting date will be Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. at Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education.

John Ahlemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

  
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Board of Control Chairperson

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