

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
August 6, 2020
Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education**

The meeting was called to order by Brett Robinson at 9:44 a.m.

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
DeAnn Heck – Central A&M
Brett Robinson – Cerro Gordo
Amanda Geary – DeLand Weldon
John Ahlemeyer – Maroa Forsyth
Andy Pygott - Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Bob Meadows – Sangamon Valley
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham
Matt Snyder – Regional Superintendent of Schools
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Kathy Roe – Heartland Region
Kathy Horath – Macon Piatt Special Education

Absent: Paul Fregeau – Decatur Public Schools

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

Finance Report

The monthly financial summary and the expenditures for May and June were presented. Amanda Geary moved to approve the purchases totaling \$9,585.26 and \$84,216.99 respectively as submitted. Dee Heck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Closed Session

None

Personnel

Bret Hitchings requested the Board to ratify an Employment Contract for Krista Livingston for work she performed this summer to complete the CNA training for HTA students. Brett Robinson moved to approve this contract. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Bret requested to employ a new Nursing Assistant instructor. Andy Pygott moved to employ Roxanne Thompson as a C NA instructor. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Bret requested to employ a new Auto Body instructor. Damian Jones moved to employ Bryan Spanberger as a Auto Body instructor. Travis Roundcount seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Bret requested to employ a Substitute Teacher/Student Support Specialist to Tech Academy staff for 1st semester. Cheryl Warner moved to employ Kim Parkinson as a Substitute Teacher and Student Support Specialist for the Fall 2020 Semester. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings commented that ISBE has not released our grants to us yet. We are anticipating level funding and our enrollment at this point is more than last year at this time. In some programs we are enrolling more students than we normally do because of the option to do remote learning, and because we access to additional space at the college. Bret said teachers are intending to be remote for appropriate activities with the priority being to maximize the time available in labs.

Old Business

Bret requested approval for an agreement for Cosmetology instruction for 2020-21 to replace Mr. John's School of Cosmetology. Bob Meadows moved to approve Reflections Academy of Beauty as the provider for Cosmetology instruction. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Brett Robinson moved to adopt the FY21 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland EFE Region #390. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Travis Roundcount moved to adopt the FY21 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland Technical Academy. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

Damian Jones moved to approve a flat \$1,700 rate salary increase for full time employees of Heartland Technical Academy which will be prorated for part time employees. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

New Business

Cheryl Warner moved to approve HTA Opening Plan for School Year. Amanda Geary seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 17, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. at Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education.

John Ahlemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Andy Pygott seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Greta Robinson

Board of Control Chairperson

9/17/20

Date Approved

Robert D. Meads

Board of Control Secretary Signature

9/17/20

Date Approved

Kathy Roe

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

9/17/20

Date Approved