

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
Richland Community College  
October 17, 2024**

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
Sacha Young – Central A&M  
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo  
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon  
Michael Curry – Decatur Public Schools  
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth  
Shane Gordon – Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt Zion  
Johnathon Field – Sangamon Valley  
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

**Absent:**

Rochelle Clark – Decatur Public Schools

8:58 Meeting Called to Order by Travis Roundcount

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

None at this time. September purchases will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

Bret provided an update for the Audit. The auditor has requested a small list of items to complete the FY 21 audit. They still feel confident that all three years should be completed shortly after the first of the year.

**Closed Session**

None

**Personnel**

None

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings reported Program Improvement funds have been allocated and each district has been notified. If you have a request for an item that goes beyond your allocation, please contact Bret as he may be able to approve the request.

Bret reported on the upcoming annual ISBE monitoring visit. This year our CTE Risk Assessment was Level 1 which is the lowest level. Previously, we had been Level 3 two years and had to implement a Corrective Action plan related to fiscal reporting through the fiscal agent. Bret thanked ROE Superintendent Jill Reedy and business manager Elizabeth Schriver for all they have done to get things fixed.

Bret reviewed upcoming Fall events: AVB Luncheon on October 18; Counselor Academy on November 8; Sophomore Tours the week of November 11.

**Other Business**

Bret presented the board with HTA's updated agreement with Richland Community College. Damian Jones moved to approve the agreement. Sacha Young seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No.

Bret advised that the Automotive Technology program has a vehicle that is surplus property and is no longer needed for instructional purposes. Bret sought direction from the board on the best way to sell a vehicle when this happens and recommended a sealed bid process. The board agreed that this would be a fair and appropriate way to sell the vehicles.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390 located at 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, IL.

Adam Ibbotson moved to adjourn the meeting. Emily Weidner seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

  
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Board of Control Chairperson

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