

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
Richland Community College
February 20, 2025**

Present:

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

Absent:

Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo

Meeting Called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 9:10 a.m.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Jonathan Field moved to approve the January purchases provided by the Regional Office. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

Audit Report

Bret confirmed that the audit continues to be finalized. He expects that it will be completed very soon.

Closed Session

Adam Ibbotson moved to go to a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Damian Jones moved to return from closed session. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Personnel

None

Director's Report

Bret discussed the enhancement of HTA's Cosmetology Program with Reflection's Academy of Beauty now offering Barbering and Nail Tech Certification for high school students. These opportunities would be available for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Bret shared that the AIRSS visit to the RCC/HTA campus is scheduled for April 7. Please let him know if you would like to and be willing to attend.

Bret asked all superintendents to forward copies of their 2025 – 2026 school calendars to him as they are approved. We take these into consideration as we develop the HTA calendar for FY 26.

Other Business

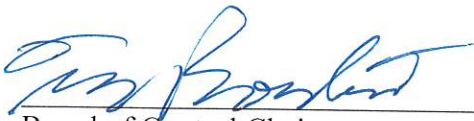
Bret presented the new agreement with Paper.co (company formerly known as Major Clarity). Shane Gordon moved to approve the agreement as presented. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Bret discussed Sullivan High School's continued interest of sending students for the 2025 – 2026 school year. They confirmed there is one student requesting the Auto Technology Program. Bret recommended that a May 1 date be set to inform Sullivan of our decision in order to give current schools first availability to HTA programs.

Next meeting will take place on March 20, 2025, at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390, 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:33.



Board of Control Chairperson



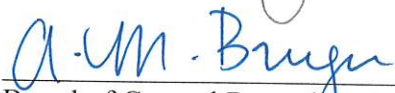
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