

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
3433 Rupp Parkway  
Decatur, IL 62526  
April 17, 2025**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo

Meeting called to order by Travis Roundcount at 9:06 a.m.

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the March Purchase List provided by the Regional Office. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 no, 1 Absent

Bret informed audits should be completed and finalized over the summer.

Bret advised that FY26 grant allocations will be provided by ISBE on June 9. We have been told to expect a slight increase to our grants.

**Closed Session**

Adam Ibbotson moved to call a Closed Session at 9:21 a.m. Jonathan Field seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Adam Ibbotson moved to return from Closed Session at 9:33 a.m. Johnathan Field seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

**Personnel**

Michael Tresnak moved to approve a 4.5% salary increase for FY 26 Heartland Tech employees. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

### Director's Report

Bret gave a report on the expansion of Work Based Learning opportunities for HTA and the possibility of assigning a staff member to serve as a Worked Based Learning Coordinator in FY 26 to facilitate opportunities for students.

Bret advised the annual HTA Orientation/Open House event will be held on May 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.

### Other Business

Damian Jones moved to approve the Fiscal Services FY 26 payment rate to \$55,000 for the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education as presented. Sacha Young seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

Damian Jones moved to approve the Tuition Rate for the 2025 – 2026 school year at \$1700 per student. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

The next meeting will take place on May 15, 2025, at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390, 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned by Travis Roundcount at 9:36.



Board of Control Chairperson

9-18-25

Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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