

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education
October 16, 2025**

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Sacha Young – Central A&M
Rochelle Clark – 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:

Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon

The meeting was called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 9:30 a.m.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. Rochelle Clark seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Damian Jones moved to approve the September purchases provided by the Regional Office. Johnathon Field seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Bret provided a copy of the FY 21 Audit Report. He said that he hoped that the remaining audits will be completed soon.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

None

Director's Report

Bret advised that the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) must be completed during the 2025-26 school year. Bret compiles information and submits a report as EFE Director. He will be working with the principal of each school district as they will need to provide documentation that teachers in the school district are working with industry partners and through formal advisory boards.

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 confirmed sophomore tours will take place the week of November 3. HTA staff will continue to visit high schools to meet with sophomores to get them set up for the event.

Bret is working with counselors to confirm a date for the Counselor Academy.

Other Business

Bret presented the board with HTA's FY 21 Annual Financial Report. Shane Gordon moved to approve the report. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 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. Johnathon Field seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.



Board of Control Chairperson

11-18-25
Date Approved



Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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