

**Heartland Region
Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL
September 18, 2025**

Present:

Damian Jones -- Argenta Oreana
Sacha Young – Central AM
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
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
Jilly Reedy – Regional Superintendent of Schools

Absent:

None.

The meeting was called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 9:19 a.m.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the July and August purchases provided by the Regional Office. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Bret confirmed the audit for FY 2021 is now complete, and all other years' audits should be completed soon.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings provided an update on the CTE funding formula. He will be working closely with the schools to verify that the proper course codes are being used and in some cases be recommending that CTE courses be modified based on the how the state funding formula is calculated based on the number of participants versus the number of concentrators.

Bret advised that Amanda will be sending Program Improvement information to each school district by the first week of October. Schools should expect to see a slight increase in funding from previous years due to an increase in Perkins funding for FY 26.

Bret informed that the Sophomore Tours, which counts as one of the two student Career Exploration Experiences for the CCPE, will be held November 3, 4, 5, and 6. Someone from HTA will be visiting each school prior to the tours with informational sessions for sophomores.

Bret advised that HTA and RCC will host the fall Counselor Academy. In the past this has usually been held the first week of November.

Other Business

Bret presented the Resolution for Verification of CTE Leadership Allocation. Damian Jones moved to approve the resolution as presented. Emily Weidner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education.

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

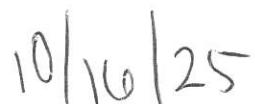
Meeting adjourned by Travis Roundcount at 9:28 a.m.



Board of Control Chairperson

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