

**Heartland Region
Board of Control
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL
February 19, 2026**

Present:

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

Absent:

Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
Johnathan Field – Sangamon Valley

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

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

Finance Report

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the January purchases provided by the Regional Office. Mike Curry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Bret informed the board that Elizabeth at the ROE is working with the auditor with the expectation that we are caught up by this fall.

Personnel

None

Director's Report

Bret stated that ISBE has delayed the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment. Once those are released, he will be scheduling meetings with district principals to complete the Program Data Review portion of this document.

Bret asked all superintendents to forward copies of their 2026 – 2027 school calendars to him as they are approved. We take these into consideration as we develop the HTA calendar for FY 27.

Bret announced two Professional Development opportunities: Statewide EFE Director meeting at RCC on April 8. Admin Academy will also be offered on April 7.

Bret shared information about the IARSS First Annual Conference will be hosted at RCC on April 17.

Other Business

Bret provided an opportunity for follow-up on RCC's new program that partners with the Illinois Department of Corrections. Bret said his office sent out 1500+ emails announcing this to parents/students. To date, HTA has not experienced any negative feedback.

Bret announced that the transportation update for HTA's Cosmetology program has been implemented. DPS is now transporting students first to Reflections Academy of Beauty and then reporting to HTA's campus.

Bret provided a reminder for school districts to have 2026-27 Enrollment Forms to Lisa at HTA by March 1.

Next meeting will take place on March 20, 2026, at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390, 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, Illinois.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.


Board of Control Chairperson

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Date Approved


Board of Control Secretary Signature

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A.M. Bruen
Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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