Heartland Region
Board of Control
Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education
October 15, 2026

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
Michael Tresnak – Deland Weldon
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth
Shane Gordon – Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt Zion
Johnathon Field – Sangamon Valley
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

Absent:

Sacha Young – Central AM
Nichole Moody – Decatur Public Schools

The meeting was called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 8:50 a.m.

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

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

Bret provided an update on the pending audits – the auditor is working on current school audits. HTA audits will resume in the near future.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

None

Director's Report

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 October 26. HTA staff will continue to visit high schools to meet with sophomores to get them set up for the event.

Bret stated the next HTA Counselor Academy will be held on November 9. RCC's two new Vice-Presidents will be in attendance to meet area counselors.

Other Business

Bret advised HTA is approaching its time to update the Intergovernmental Agreement with RCC. Bret has emailed our attorney's new proposed agreement to all board members. If anyone has any questions regarding the proposed agreement or any feedback to provide, please contact Bret.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #390 located at 3433 Rupp Parkways, Decatur, IL.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Board of Control Chairperson — Date Approved: 11-17-26

Board of Control Secretary Signature — Date Approved: 11-17-26

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature — Date Approved: 11-17-2026