

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, February 09, 2023, at 1:30p.m. in the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District Administrative Office, Kewanee, Illinois. Roll call showed the following members present: Mr. Bryan, Mr. Gripp, Mr. Akers, Mr. Becker, Dr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Elliott, and Dr. Brooks. Members absent: Dr. Sullens. Others present: Angie Zarvell and Rebecca Baney.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

There were no comments from the visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Akers and seconded by Bryan to approve the following items under Consent Agenda:

- 01/12/23 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 01/12/23 Executive Board Session Minutes
- 01/13/23 & 02/03/23 Bills Payable
- 01/20/23 & 02/03/23 Payroll Withholding
- 01/20/23 & 02/03/23 Payroll and Benefits
- 01/31/23 Financial Statement

Roll call vote showed Bryan, Gripp, Akers, Brumbaugh, Baney, Elliott, Brooks, and Becker voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The present Executive Board members and Director, Mr. Wertheim, decided there was no need to go into closed session. A closed session was not held for this meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Gripp, seconded by Elliott to accept the following Personnel:

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Hailey Casteel
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 02/20/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Jennifer Cooper
Paraprofessional/Stark JH
Start Date: 01/17/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Heather Erickson
Paraprofessional/Central
Start Date: 02/01/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Sebastian Gomez
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 01/23/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Brandi Littig
Paraprofessional/Geneseo HS
Start Date: 02/01/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Calli Nevells
Paraprofessional/Stark EL
Start Date: 01/16/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Isabella Tucker
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 02/06/23
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

RESIGNATION(S)

Ms. Rayanne Busboom
Paraprofessional/Wethersfield
Start Date: 08/18/21
End Date: 02/03/23
Reason: Other Employment

Ms. Autymn Lyon
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 08/25/22
End Date: 02/03/23
Reason: Personal

Ms. Lisa Snyder
Paraprofessional/Stark Co. JH
Start Date: 08/01/22
End Date: 01/20/23
Reason: Personal

Ms. Sayde Tapia
Paraprofessional/Wethersfield
Start Date: 01/10/22
End Date: 02/03/23
Reason: Other Employment

REQUEST FOR PART TIME

Mrs. Tami Bryan
Coordinator/Annawan, Cambridge, Wethersfield
Requesting to work 2.5 days per week
Employment Date: 08/22/96
Begin Date: First day of the 2023-2024 school year

Roll call vote showed Akers, Brumbaugh, Baney, Elliott, Brooks, Gripp, and Becker voting aye. Bryan abstained. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

INFORMATION ITEMS: The following items were presented for discussion and/or review:

1. FY23 Cash Flow
2. ExCEL Report by Principal Casey Miller

While the shortest month of the year can sometimes feel like the longest month in a school building. February is having no effect on the ExCEL wolfpack. All our students are well into their classes and show no signs of letting the cold winter blues get the best of them.

Student News

The pack currently sits at 51 wolves. After having a full month of January, we had some students really stand head and shoulders above the rest to be named the "Leaders of the Pack". In the elementary school, Anthony R. of Kewanee was given the honor. In the middle school, Aiden V. of Cambridge received the title. In the high school, the newcomer, Xavier V. of Geneseo rounded out our Leaders of the Pack.

Staff News

Our "Leader of the Staff" for the month of February goes to our high school English teacher, Mrs. Keener. Mrs. Keener is receiving this honor for her dedication to the school and her students.

With it being my last semester at ExCEL, it has been my privilege to work with Mr. Wheelock to help train him to take over the reins for next year. Mr. Wheelock has been shadowing me in the office from time to time to learn the ropes and to keep the engine running when I am gone. The staff is excited for the peaceful transfer of powers as well, which should lead to a solid retention of the ExCEL Staff.

Building News

Over the break our custodian, Mr. O'Reilly, has been hard at work getting the building back into shape to give the entire wolfpack a clean and welcoming space to start 2023.

3. Instructional Coach Job Description
4. Next Board Meeting Date: March 09, 2023, at 1:30pm
5. Discussed the hiring of Social Workers

ADJOURNMENT: With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Time: 1:42 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

Board Secretary