

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, March 09, 2023, at 1:30 p.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. Beker, Dr. Brumbaugh, Dr. Sullens, Mr. Elliott, and Dr. Brooks. Members absent: None. Others present: Angie Zarvell.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: There were no comments from the visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Sullens and seconded by Elliott to approve the following items under Consent Agenda:

- 02/09/23 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 02/15/23 & 02/28/23 Bills Payable
- 02/17/23 & 03/03/23 Payroll Withholding
- 02/17/23 & 03/03/23 Payroll and Benefits
- 02/28/23 Financial Statement

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

Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Akers, seconded by Sullens to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)  
Time: 1:31 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

PERSONNEL: A motion was made by Akers and seconded by Brumbaugh to approve and recommend to the Governing Board the following Personnel Items:

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Michaela Gehn  
Paraprofessional/Northside  
Start Date: 02/14/23  
Salary: \$14.00/Hr

Ms. Teresa Ince  
Instructional Coach  
Start Date: 08/2023

RESIGNATION(S)

Jeannie Napier  
School Psychologist  
Start Date: 09/13/06  
End Date: 06/02/23  
Reason: Other Employment

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

Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
EVALUATION FOR THE  
FY23 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion by Akers, seconded by Elliott to approve and recommend to the Governing Board the Executive Director's, T. Greg Wertheim, FY23 Evaluation. Mr. Wertheim had a distinguished evaluation and remains on the retirement track through the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

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 of 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 received this honor for her dedication to the school and her students.  
  
With 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 keep the engine running when I’m gone. The staff is excited for the peaceful transfer of powers as well, which should lead to a solid retention of the ExCEL Staff.
3. Director’s Evaluation
4. Next Board Meeting Date: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by Gripp to adjourn. Time: 1:53 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

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Board Secretary