

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District Administrative Office, Kewanee, Illinois. Roll call showed the following members present: Mr. John Murphy, Mrs. Carrie Boelens, Mr. Andrew Larson, Mr. Jon DeBord, Mrs. Ann Orwig, and Mr. Barry Snodgrass. Members absent: Mrs. Amber Troxell and Mr. Jeff Gerber. Others present: Mr. Joe Becker, Mr. Jaime Bryan.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: There were no visitors.

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

- 12/15/22 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- 12/15/22, 12/30/22, 01/13/23, 02/03/23, 02/15/23, and 02/28/23 Bills Payable
- 12/23/22, 01/06/23, 01/20/23, 02/03/23, 02/17/23 and 03/03/23 Payroll Withholding
- 12/23/22, 01/06/23, 01/20/23, 02/03/23, 02/17/23, and 03/03/23 Payroll and Benefits
- 12/31/22, 01/31/23, and 02/28/23 Financial Statements

Roll call vote showed Murphy, Boelens, Larson, DeBord, Orwig, Bryan, and Snodgrass voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5ILCS 120/29(c)(1) – and – “The semi-annual review of the closed minutes.” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

A motion was made by Boelens and seconded by DeBord to go into closed session.

Roll call vote showed, DeBord, Orwig, Bryan, Murphy, Boelens and Snodgrass voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

PERSONNEL: A motion was made by DeBord and seconded by Boelens to approve the following Personnel:

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Michaela Gehn
Paraprofessional
Start Date: 02/14/22
Salary: \$14.00/Hour

Ms. Teresa Ince
Instructional Coach
Start Date: First day of the 2023-2024 contract.

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Heather Erickson
Paraprofessional/Central
Start Date: 02/01/23
End Date: 03/09/23
Reason: Personal

Ms. Jeannie Napier
Psychologist/Geneseo
Start Date: 09/13/06
End Date: Last day of the 2022-2023 School Year
Reason: Other Employment

Roll call vote showed DeBord, Orwig, Bryan, Murphy, Boelens, Larson, and Snodgrass voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

JULY-DECEMBER 2022
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES:

Motion by Bryan, seconded by Orwig that the July 2022 through December 2022 Executive Session Minutes remain closed as per the recommendation of the Director.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
EVALUATION FOR THE
FY23 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion by Boelens, seconded by Orwig to approve the Executive Director's, T. Greg Wertheim, FY23 Evaluation. Mr. Wertheim's evaluation was presented by Executive Board President, Mr. Joe Becker from the Galva District. Mr. Wertheim's evaluation was distinguished and remains on the retirement track through the 2024-2025 school year. All the 2022-2023 goals were met. The new smart goals for 2023-2024 will be made by T. Gregory Wertheim.

Roll call vote showed Larson, DeBord, Orwig, Bryan, Murphy, Boelens and Snodgrass voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

MARCH 2023
APRIL 2023
MAY 2023
JUNE 2023
AUTHORIZATION:

Motion by DeBord, seconded by Larson to authorize the Director to process the March 2023, April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023 Payroll Liabilities, Payroll Obligations, Bills Payable, and Personnel Actions as necessary.

Roll call vote showed Bryan, Murphy, Boelens, Larson, DeBord, Orwig, and Snodgrass voting aye. 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 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Larson and seconded by Boelens to adjourn. Time: 12:53 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

Board Secretary