

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 1:31p.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, Dr. Sullens, Mr. Elliott, and Dr. Brooks. Others present: Angie Zarvell and Kait Nordstrom.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Russell Rumbold, of Gorenz and Associates presented the results of the June 30, 2022 audit. Mr. Rumbold provided the board members with numerous worksheets charting historical trends in expenditures and revenues for several years. He further stated the results of the audit were favorable and that the board has been provided accurate financial information on which they have based their decisions and recommendations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 09/08/22 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 09/08/22 Executive Board Executive Session Minutes
- 09/15/22, 09/30/22 Bills Payable
- 09/16/22, 09/30/22 Payroll Withholdings
- 09/16/22, 09/30/22 Payroll and Benefits
- 09/30/22 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 Elliott, seconded by Akers 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: 1:45 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Akers, seconded by Bryan to accept and approve the following Personnel:

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Leia Thomson
Paraprofessional/ ExCEL
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 09/19/22

Ms. Rosalina Urquiza
Paraprofessional/Irving
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 09/14/22

Ms. Amber Barker
Paraprofessional/Belle
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 10/03/22

Ms. Madalin DeJesus
Paraprofessional/Northside
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 09/19/22

Ms. Brooke Benson
Paraprofessional/GHS
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 10/17/22

Ms. Jesi Vroman
Paraprofessional/Millikin
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 10/17/22

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Ms. Shannon Arzola
Family Medical Leave Act
Psychologist
Estimated Leave Start Date: 02/22/23
Leave End Date: 05/03/23

Ms. Taylor Gerleman
Medical Leave
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Estimated Leave Start Date: 11/14/22
Leave End Date: 03/28/23

Ms. Katie Putnam
Family Medical Leave Act
Psychologist
Estimated Leave Start Date: 04/03/23
Leave End Date: 05/31/23

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Marissa Johnson
Paraprofessional/Lyle
Start Date: 11/15/21
End Date: 09/30/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Contina Hernblom
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 08/15/22
End Date: 10/28/22
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

ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Sullens and seconded by Brumbaugh to approve the following items under Action Items:

1. **Authorization to Process/Release November 2022 Payroll, Benefits, and Bills Payable.**
2. **Absentee/Truancy Policy 2nd Approval**

Motion Carried 8-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

1. **FY23 Cash Flow Plan**
2. **October ExCEL Report by Principal Casey Miller**
Student News – The pack stands at 48 members at the writing of this report. We continue to have fluid numbers with students transitioning to their home school and our districts placing students into our care. Calvin A. of Geneseo is one of those students who completed the program and is back at Geneseo. We also had 2 elementary students from Kewanee who will be joining the life skills program at Wethersfield Elementary.

We also had our “Leader of the Pack” votes for our students who showed the best behavior and work ethic during the month of September. Here are the results:

Elementary School: Austin B. of Geneseo
Middle School: Caleb H. of Kewanee
High School: Ryan S. of Galva

Staff News – Our Social Worker Mrs. Camp has taken the honor of being the ExCEL “Leader of the Staff” for her amazing work in the month of September.

Building News: For the month of October, our High School has two field trips lined up for our high school transition classes. We will be going to Western Illinois University in Moline to attend the College Transition Conference and we will also be taking our High School transition students to the John Deere Manufacturing Center in Davenport to tour their facility and ask questions about potential employment in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Time: 1:52 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

Board Secretary