

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met Thursday, December 15, 2022, 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. Gerber, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Akers, Mr. Larson, Mr. DeBord, Mrs. Orwig, and Mr. Snodgrass. Members absent: Mrs. Troxell and Mrs. Boelens Others present: None.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 08/18/22 Operating Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
- 08/18/22 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- 08/15/22, 08/31/22, 09/15/22, 09/30/22, 10/14/22, 10/31/22, 11/15/22, and 11/30/22 Bills Payable
- 08/19/22, 09/02/22, 09/16/22, 09/30/22, 10/14/22, 10/28/22, 11/11/22, and 11/26/21 Payroll Withholding
- 08/19/22, 09/02/22, 09/17/21, 10/01/21, 10/15/21, 10/29/21, 11/12/21, and 11/23/22 Payroll and Benefits
- 08/31/22, 09/30/22, 10/31/22 and 11/30/22 Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Director, Greg Wertheim, and the present Governing Board members chose to forego an Executive Session. Executive session was not needed for this meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Akers, seconded by DeBord to accept the approval of the following Personnel:

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Michele Bolton-Gomez
Paraprofessional/ Belle
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 10/31/22

Ms. Susan DeVilder
Paraprofessional/Wethersfield LS
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/14/22

Ms. Heather Erickson
Paraprofessional/KHS
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/21/22

Mr. Sebastian Gomez
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 10/31/22

Ms. Alissa Ince
Receptionist/HSCSED
Salary: \$15.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/16/22

Ms. Rebecca Magers
Paraprofessional/Northside
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 12/05/22

Ms. Brooke Mills
Paraprofessional/Belle
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/14/22

Ms. Aspen Pinnick
Paraprofessional/Wethersfield LS
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/01/22

Ms. Yesenia Tito
Paraprofessional/Stark County EL
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/09/22

Ms. Tierra Warren
Paraprofessional/Millikin
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/14/22

Ms. Hailey Westefer
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/09/22

Ms. Megan Zyla
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Salary: \$14.00/Hour
Start Date: 11/28/22

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Ms. Brianna Vancleve
Family Medical Leave Act
Life Skills Teacher/Kewanee HS
Estimated Leave Start Date: 02/13/23
Estimated Leave End Date: 04/10/23

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Savannah Beazer
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 08/11/20
End Date: 11/04/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Mykala Biddix
Paraprofessional/Belle
Start Date: 08/16/22
End Date: 11/11/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Kerrigan Clancy
Paraprofessional/Stark County
Start Date: 01/04/22
End Date: 11/22/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Jessica Dwyer
Paraprofessional/Millikin
Start Date: 08/15/19
End Date: 11/11/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Jessica Harper
Receptionist/HSCSED
Start Date: 07/06/22
End Date: 11/18/22
Reason: Personal

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

Ms. Jordyn Meinders
Paraprofessional/Stark County
Start Date: 08/18/21
End Date: 10/31/22
Reason: Personal

Ms. Yesenia Tito
Paraprofessional/Stark County
Start Date: 11/09/22
End Date: 10/28/22
Reason: Personal

TERMINATION

Ms. DeJesus, Madelin
Paraprofessional/GHS Life Skills
Start Date: 10/10/22
End Date: 12/13/22
Reason: No Show

Ms. Warren, Tierra
Paraprofessional/Millikin
Start Date: 11/14/22
End Date: 12/13/22
Reason: No Show

OTHER

Ms. Marci Jett
Coordinator
Reason: Rescind Retirement

Motion Carried 7-0

ACTION ITEMS: A motion was made by Gerber and seconded by Akers to approve the following items under Action Items:

HEALTH/LIFE/DENTAL/
VISION INSURANCE
RATES:

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Akers to approve the revised rates for the District's Health/Dental/Life/Vision Insurance Plans for the policy year to run January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. The monthly rates are as follows:

Cigna Health Insurance – Bronze Plan

Employee	\$648.15
Employee+Spouse	\$1,432.35
Employee+Child(ren)	\$1,313.87
Family	\$2,098.08

Cigna Health Insurance – Silver Plan

Employee	\$648.15
Employee+Spouse	\$1,357.39
Employee+Child(ren)	\$1,245.11
Family	\$1,988.27

Humana Dental Traditional Preferred

Employee	\$43.38
Employee+Spouse	\$87.10
Employee+Child(ren)	\$119.22
Family	\$119.22

Humana Vision 200 - EyeMed

Employee	\$14.21
Employee+Spouse	\$23.96
Employee+Child(ren)	\$24.44
Family	\$38.65

Humana Life Insurance - \$20,000 Face Value

Employee Only	\$2.20
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ABSENTEE/TRUANCY POLICY 1ST & 2ND APPROVAL

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

DECEMBER 2022
JANUARY 2023
FEBRUARY 2023
MARCH 2023
AUTHORIZATION:

Motion by Orwig, seconded by Akers to authorize the Director to process the December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023 Payroll Liabilities, Payroll Obligations, Bills Payable, and Personnel Actions as necessary.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

1. FY23 Cash Flow Plan
2. ExCEL Report – By Casey Miller, Principal

Student News

Christmas is coming and so is the end of the first semester. The ExCEL halls are decked and the air is rich with Christmas spirit.

Student News

Our pack has grown to 50 students since the November board report. The numbers are still spread evenly across all grade levels, but our middle school currently has the largest enrollment.

We 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: KJ S. of Kewanee

Middle School: Ethan B. from Geneseo

High School: Aiden G. of Geneseo

Staff News

For her dedication, attendance, flexibility, and dependability, the “Leader of the Staff” goes to Ms. Wyffels. Ms. Wyffels is our P.E. Teacher but has had to fill multiple different roles due to health-related absences around the building throughout November.

Building News

ExCEL is doing our annual “Giving Tree” gift donation again this year. Our Social Workers ask each student what they want for Christmas and create an Amazon wish list. We then post that list on our Facebook page and the community purchases gifts for our students. This ensures that every one of our students will have at least one gift to unwrap for Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by Murphy to adjourn. Time: 12:31 p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0 Voice Vote

Board Secretary