

## Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, March 12, 2020 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. Gripp, Mr. Akers, Mr. O'Riley, Dr. Brumbaugh, Dr. Sullens, Dr. Sutton (left at 2:34pm), Mr. Kazubowski (left at 2:34pm), and Mr. Nordstrom. Members absent: None. Others present: Angie Zarvell, and Robin O'Connor.

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

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

- 02/13/20 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 02/14/20 & 02/28/20 Bills Payable
- 02/21/20 & 03/06/20 Payroll Withholding
- 02/21/20 & 03/06/20 Payroll and Benefits
- 02/29/20 Financial Statement

Roll call vote showed Gripp, Akers, O'Riley, Brumbaugh, Sullens, Sutton, Kazubowski, and Nordstrom voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Sullens, seconded by O'Riley 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: 1:32 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

OPEN SESSION: Motion by Sullens, seconded by Akers to return to open session at 2:12 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0

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

### EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Jackie Peters

Cross Cat Teacher/Geneseo Middle School

Salary: \$35,000.

Start Date: First day of the 2020-2021 school calendar

Ms. Samantha Stocking

Life Skills Teacher/TBA

Salary: \$35,000.

Start Date: First day of the 2020-2021 school calendar

### CONTRACT NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Kelly Twidwell

Cross Categorical Teacher/Galva Grade School

Begin Date: 09/30/19

End Date: End of the 2019-2020 School Year

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Mariah Brooks  
School Psychologist/Galva & Cambridge  
End Date: Last day of the 2019-2020 School Year Contract  
Reason: Continuing Education

Ms. Jessica Sarnes  
Cross Cat Teacher/Stark County  
End Date: Last day of the 2019-2020 School Year  
Reason: Personal

Ms. Kristina Swarczewski  
Cross Cat Teacher/Geneseo Middle School  
End Date: Last day of the 2019-2020 School Year  
Reason: Personal

Roll call vote showed Brumbaugh, Sullens, Sutton, Kazubowski, Gripp, Akers, O'Riley, and Nordstrom voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 8-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

1. FY20 Cash Flow
2. ExCEL Report  
*Student News* – Through the month of February, ExCEL maintained 61 members of the wolfpack from start to finish. Looking ahead to next year, projects show a large pack to start the 2020-21 school year with 66 students. The break down is 23 elementary, 12 middle school, and 31 in high school.  
*Staff News* – The staff Lead of the Pack is Steve Wheelock. Mr. Wheelock earned his title by being a dedicated member of the staff and frequently helping out all around the building. He has been with ExCEL since it was founded and continues to be a pillar of the ExCEL Community.  
*Building News* – The building will be very quiet with the students completing the Illinois Science Assessment and Illinois Assessment of Readiness in the month of March. The high school has been very active with transition services. Mr. Jeffrey, high school teacher, took some of the students to Hy-Vee for a job shadow activity as well as taking them to Midwest Technical Institute for a campus tour. Visits to Black Hawk College and Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living are scheduled for the near future.
3. Certified Staff Seniority List - Completed Years as of May 2019

Christine Gustafson	29.0	Stacey Morrell	3.0
Wendy Wagner	28.5	Kaitlyn Nordstrom	3.0
Andrea Hogue	24.0	Taylor Blair	3.0
Teresa Ince	23.0	Elenora Hendrix	3.0
Robin O'Connor	23.0	Elizabeth Koster	3.0
Heather Gainey	22.0	Kristina Swarczewski	2.5
Tara Kelly	22.0	Janna Richards	2.5
Kimberly Johnson	21.0	Autumn Brown	2.0
Brigette Fitzpatrick	19.0	Jennifer Carlson	2.0
Erin Sheets	19.0	Mark Jeffery	2.0
Lisa Witte	19.0	Lauren Spivey	2.0
Amber Herridge	18.5	Carly Anderson	2.0
Susan Draminski	18.0	Brooke Hickman	2.0
Steve Wheelock	16.0	Barbara Hildebrandt	2.0
Regina Walk	16.0	Emily Izral	2.0
Jeannie Napier	13.0	Rebecca Keener	2.0
Jeffrey Belvel	12.0	Samantha Kida	2.0
Dawn Sheddan	12.0	Kylie Murphy	2.0
Heather Gustafson	12.0	Tarol Suddeth	2.0
Lindsay Newman	10.0	Emma Reidner	1.5
Sarah Swanson	9.5	Mariah Brooks	1.0

Kelly Juskiv	9.0	Jackilyn Boswell	1.0
Nicole Nelson	9.0	Morgan Holthaus	1.0
Emily Rorem	7.0	Jena Rice	1.0
Nichole Taylor	7.0	Claire Barton	1.0
Kellie Wilke	7.0	Nicholas Christakos	1.0
Kelly Lawrence	7.0	Kylee Wagenecht	1.0
Jessica Sarnes	6.5	Joan Horvath-Kruger	0.5
Stacie Phelps	6.0	Chelsea Verbeck	0.5
Karly Allen	5.0	Jennifer Erickson	0.0
Tiffany Platz	5.0	Kaylee Miner	0.0
Heidi Heinrich	5.0	Emily Morland	0.0
Jennifer Piester	4.5	Lisa Salisbury	0.0
Megan Mahoney	4.0	Andrea Clark	0.0
Sasha Noble	4.0	Amy Croegaert	0.0
Jennifer Smith	4.0	Rosemary Kroener	0.0
Stacey Andrews	4.0	Amy Russelburg	0.0
Katelyn Camp	4.0	Stephanie Sebok	0.0
		Alissa Wyffels	0.0
		Kelly Twidwell	0.0

4. Seniority Lists for Highly Qualified Aides, Interpreters, & Custodians – Completed Years as of May 2019

Non-Certified Highly Qualified Aides

Jill Kinsella	14.0	Tracy Calder	1.5
Matthew Marchand	14.0	Jace Jennings	1.5
Susan Robinson	12.0	Brenda Verbeck	1.5
Ashley DeSmit	11.5	Leslie Rogers	1.5
Amber Spaniel	11.0	Rebekah Clancy	1.0
Jennifer Hoon	10.0	Meagan Paxton	1.0
Darcie VanDoren	10.0	Alexandria Simpson	1.0
Lisa VerStraete	10.0	Taylor Wilson	1.0
Lora Johnson	9.0	Jordan Reschke	1.0
Tina Matney	8.5	Merit Ringberg	1.0
Nichelle Hess	8.0	Kari Rink	1.0
Kari Sturtevant	7.0	Kelli Williams	1.0
Julie Bridgewater	7.0	Tiffany Carpenter	1.0
Lori Tracy	6.5	Kaylynn McNamee	0.5
Heidi Wilson	6.0	Teresa Shipe	0.5
Leila Interrial	5.5	Debra Nelson	0.5
Molly Mirocha	5.0	Brianna Vancleve	0.5
Mariah Hoelscher	4.0	Anthony Roome	0.0
Tina Mattan	4.0	Teri Shores	0.0
Sara Tuttle	4.0	Alison Dennison	0.0
Kelsey Yordy	3.5	Karlee Nanninga	0.0
Allison Goodwin	3.5	Natalie Balunis	0.0
Brenda Kegebein	3.0	Susan Beck	0.0
Leticia Munoz	3.0	Jessica Dwyer	0.0
Marianne Platz	3.0	Haley Hamilton	0.0
Andrea Gonzalez	3.0	Katina Hegwood	0.0
Katherine Mierop	3.0	Nicole Irving	0.0
Heidi Stanfield	3.0	Jennifer Johnson	0.0
Christie Burnett	3.0	Alyssa Kiermaier	0.0
Kathlene Johnson	3.0	Mary Newby	0.0
Julie Blackert	2.5	Sarah Stieghorst	0.0
Destiny Gorden	2.0	Stephanie Swanson	0.0
Chelsy Hallberg	2.0	Penny Wells	0.0
Lynn Heberer	2.0	Nancy Duarte-Guerrero	0.0
Carrie Miskinis	2.0	Jeanna Francis	0.0
Caroline Streeter	2.0	Paige Gerard	0.0

Tracy Thorp	2.0	Abbey Sanchez	0.0
Christina Minnaert	2.0	Alexis Webster	0.0
Brooklyn Wexell	2.0	Abigail Pierce	0.0
Heather Vandevoord	2.0		

Non-Certified Interpreters

None

Non-Certified Custodians

Brenda Kegebein 15.5

Michael Kegebein 9.0

5. Revised FY20 Executive Board Meeting Dates  
May has changed to May 7, 2020 and June to June 4, 2020.
6. FY21 Positions Available  
1 Vision Itinerant, 2 School Psychologists, 2 School Social Workers, 1 Speech-Language Pathologist, 5 Cross Categorical Teachers, 2 Life Skills Teachers, and 2 Early Childhood Special Education Teachers
7. Restraint/Seclusion Update  
The restraint form changed to a shorter and more functional version. Final regulations are expected to come out in April.
8. Grand Canyon University  
This university is located in Arizona and will be utilized for on line courses for HSCSED staff. Some of the programs offered are Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, Master of Education in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education, Master of Education in Special Education, Master of Science in Psychology, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership to name a few. When our employees want to further their education GCU will be recommended.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by O'Riley to adjourn. Time: 2:37 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 6-0

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Board Secretary