

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, March 17, 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. Jeff Gerber, Mr. John Murphy, Mrs. Carrie Boelens, Mr. Andrew Larson, Mr. Jon DeBord, Mrs. Ann Orwig, and Mr. Barry Snodgrass. Members absent: Mrs. Amber Troxell. Others present: Mr. Tom Akers.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: There were no visitors.

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

- 12/16/21 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- 12/15/21, 12/30/21, 01/14/22, 01/28/22, 02/15/22, and 02/28/22 Bills Payable
- 12/23/21, 01/07/22, 01/21/22, 02/04/22, 02/18/22, and 03/04/22 Payroll Withholding
- 12/23/21, 01/07/22, 01/21/22, 02/04/22, 02/18/22, and 03/04/22 Payroll and Benefits
- 12/31/21, 01/31/22, and 02/28/22 Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The present Governing Board members and Director, Mr. Wertheim, decided there was no need to go into closed session. A closed session was not held for this meeting.

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

EMPLOYMENT

Ms. Blair Bullock – Pending Contingent Certification
School Social Worker/Kewanee District
Salary: \$42,500
Start Date: First day of the 2022-2023 contract

Ms. Hannah Halberg
School Social Worker/Kewanee District
Salary: \$46,000
Start Date: First day of the 2022-2023 contract

Ms. Korie Morrison – Pending Contingent Certification
School Social Worker/Geneseo District
Salary: \$42,500
Start Date: First day of the 2022-2023 contract

Ms. Brooke Rennick – Pending Contingent Certification
Social Worker/ExCEL
Salary: \$38,000
Start Date: First day of the 2022-2023 contract

Ms. Margaret Wendell
Speech-Language Pathologist/Geneseo District
Salary: \$53,000
Start Date: First day of the 2022-2023 contract

Ms. Briana Witte
Paraprofessional/Central
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 04/04/22

REQUEST FOR PART-TIME

Ms. Laruen Wall
Speech-Language Pathologist/Geneseo & Cambridge
Requesting to work two days per week
Employment Date: 08/15/17
Begin Date: First day of the 2022-2023 school year

CONTRACT NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Stephanie Sebok
ED Teacher/ExCEL
Start Date: 08/13/19
End Date: End of the 2021-2022 School Year

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Abigail Rice
Paraprofessional/Northside
Start Date: 02/10/20
End Date: Last day of the 2021-2022 School Year
Reason: Continuing Education

Ms. Samantha Stocking
Early Childhood Teacher/Northside
Start Date: 08/10/20
End Date: Last day of the 2021-2022 School Year
Reason: Personal

TERMINATIONS

Ms. Paula King
Paraprofessional/Central
Start Date: 01/05/22
End Date: 01/20/22

Ms. Susan Robinson
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Start Date: 10/29/07
End Date: 02/16/22

RETIREMENT

Ms. Joan Horvath-Kruger
Life Skills Teacher/Wethersfield
Start Date: 08/16/18
End Date: Last day of the 2021-2022 School Year

Ms. Brenda Kegebein
Custodian/HSCSED Admin Office
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Start Date: 02/09/04
End Date: Last day of the 2024-2025 School Year
Salary: Utilizing the Retirement Incentive Program for Support Personnel
Employees 8.9 (B) with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

JULY-DECEMBER 2021
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES:

Motion by Larson, seconded by Boelens that the July 2021 through December 2021 Executive Session Minutes remain closed as per the recommendation of the Director.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
EVALUATION FOR THE
FY22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gerber to approve the Executive Director's, T. Greg Wertheim, FY22 Evaluation. Mr. Wertheim's evaluation was presented by Executive Board President, Mr. Tom Akers from the Cambridge District. Mr. Wertheim's evaluation was distinguished and remains on the retirement track through the 2024-2025 school year. All the 2021-2022 goals were met. The new smart goals for 2022-2023 are as follows:

FY23 Executive Director Smart Goals

1. Continue goal of visit each district and present at a board meeting in each district in the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Attend no less than 70% of the Regional Office of Education monthly meetings in the next year.
3. Notify Executive Board monthly of job openings/hires.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

MARCH 2022
APRIL 2022
MAY 2022
JUNE 2022
AUTHORIZATION:

Motion by Larson, seconded by DeBord to authorize the Director to process the March 2022, April 2022, May 2022 and June 2022 Payroll Liabilities, Payroll Obligations, Bills Payable, and Personnel Actions as necessary.

Roll call vote showed Gerber, 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. FY22 Cash Flow
2. ExCEL Report by Principal Casey Miller
Student News – The Wolfpack sits at 42 students coming into March with multiple students on the radar who could join our ranks in the coming days, but 42 is the official tally for the moment.
Leaders of the pack for their outstanding performance in the month of February are as follows:
Elementary School – Student from Kewanee
Middle School – Student from Geneseo
High School – Student from Stark County
Staff News – On the staff side of things, Mr. Wheelock was named the “Leader of the Staff”. Mr. Wheelock was given this honor due to his constant upbeat attitude, willingness to help, and his all-around positive demeanor that is felt by all in the building.
Building News – Our S.T.E.P. program continues to expose our students to the options of post-secondary life. This month, our S.T.E.P program is taking our high school students to HyVee and MTI. Our students will have the opportunity to tour the HyVee facility and discuss employment and career opportunities then take a campus tour at MTI and get to ask questions about admissions and classes.

3. Certified Staff Seniority List - Completed Years as of May 2021

Christine Gustafson	31.0	Carly Anderson	4.0
Wendy Wagner	30.5	Barbara Hildebrandt	4.0
Andrea Hogue	26.0	Emily Izral	4.0
Teresa Ince	25.0	Rebecca Keener	4.0
Robin O'Connor	25.0	Samantha Kida	4.0
Heather Gainey	24.0	Tarol Suddeth	4.0
Tara Kelly	24.0	Emma Reidner	3.5
Kimberly Johnson	23.0	Jackilyn Boswell	3.0
Erin Burns-Sheets	21.0	Morgan Holthaus	3.0
Brigette Fitzpatrick	21.0	Nicholas Christakos	3.0
Lisa Witte	21.0	Joan Horvath-Kruger	2.5
Amber Herridge	20.5	Chelsea Verbeck	2.5
Susan Draminski	20.0	Lisa Salisbury	2.0
Steve Wheelock	18.0	Amy Croegaert	2.0
Regina Walk	18.0	Amy Russelburg	2.0
Jeannie Napier	15.0	Stephanie Sebok	2.0
Jeffrey Belvel	14.0	Alissa Wyffels	2.0
Dawn Sheddan	14.0	Melissa Hackney	1.0
Heather Gustafson	14.0	Jacquelyn Peters	1.0
Kelly Juskiv	11.0	Samantha Stocking	1.0
Nicole Nelson	11.0	Jill Woulf	1.0
Nichole Taylor	9.0	Molly Carlton	1.0
Kellie Wilke	9.0	Brooklyn Wexell	1.0
Stacie Phelps	8.0	Ja'Nene Reed	1.0
Karly Allen	7.0	Nichelle Hess	1.0
Jennifer Piester	6.5	Shannon Arzola	0.0
Megan Mahoney	6.0	Brooke Laingen	0.0
Sasha Noble	6.0	Brandon Rice	0.0
Jennifer Smith	6.0	Betsy Timmerman	0.0
Stacey Andrews	6.0	Kayla Zima	0.0
Katelyn Camp	6.0	Ryan Hansen	0.0
Stacey Morrell	5.0	Carmen Jordan	0.0
Kaitlyn Nordstrom	5.0	Kayla Schubert	0.0
Taylor Blair	5.0	Taylor Hoben	0.0
Elenora Hendrix	5.0	Shaun Robinson	0.0
Janna Richards	4.5	Jacquelyn Somolski	0.0
Autumn Brown	4.0	Rebekah Clancy	0.0
Jennifer Carlson	4.0	Sarah Gomez	0.0
Mark Jeffery	4.0	Jessica Shipley	0.0
Lauren Wall	4.0		

4. Seniority Lists for Highly Qualified Aides, Interpreters, & Custodians – Completed Years as of May 2021

Non-Certified Highly Qualified Aides

Jill Kinsella	16.0	Savannah Forman	1.0
Matthew Marchand	16.0	Teresa Schmuck	1.0
Ashley DeSmit	13.5	Brooke Esquer	1.0
Amber Spaniel	13.0	April Atkins	1.0
Jennifer Hoon	12.0	Meaghan Kuster	1.0
Darcie VanDoren	12.0	Emma Miller	0.0
Lisa Verstraete	12.0	Meagan Weimer	0.0
Kari Sturtevant	9.0	Patti Anders	0.0
Julie Bridgewater	9.0	Brittany Gerleman	0.0
Lori Tracey	8.5	Jenna Larson	0.0
Leila Interrial	7.5	Andrea Masterson	0.0
Tina Mattan	6.0	Audrey Scheider	0.0
Sara Paxton	6.0	Kathy Hardy	0.0
Brenda Kegebein	5.0	Anna Peterson	0.0

Leticia Munoz	5.0	Lauren Schmidt	0.0
Marianne Platz	5.0	Rayanne Busboom	0.0
Katherine Mierop	5.0	Madison Duytschaver	0.0
Heidi Stanfield	5.0	Cheri Grabbe	0.0
Lynn Heberer	4.0	Jordyn Meinders	0.0
Carrie Miskinis	4.0	Breonna Serna	0.0
Caroline Streeter	4.0	Allison Goodwin	0.0
Tracy Thorp	4.0	Rachael Himmelman	0.0
Heather Vandevoord	4.0	Jennifer Putnam	0.0
Jace Jennings	3.5	William Farb	0.0
Leslie Rogers	3.5	Nicole Hillier	0.0
Meagan Paxton	3.0	Marissa Johnson	0.0
Alexandria Simpson	3.0	David Dowell	0.0
Taylor Gerleman	3.0	Kerrigan Kosmider	0.0
Merit Ringberg	3.0	Misti Crosby-Thurston	0.0
Debra Nelson	2.5	Michelle Hulstrom	0.0
Brianna Vaneleve	2.5	Kerrigan Kelly	0.0
Anthony Roome	2.0	Sayde Tapia	0.0
Teri Shores	2.0	April Knott	0.0
Karlee Nanninga	2.0	Jerica Strehlo	0.0
Natalie Balunis	2.0	Gracie Strohm	0.0
Susan Beck	2.0	Mary Armstrong	0.0
Jessica Dwyer	2.0		
Haley Hamilton	2.0		
Katina Hegwood	2.0		
Nicole Irving	2.0		
Alyssa Kiermaier	2.0		
Stephanie Swanson	2.0		

Non-Certified Interpreters

None

Non-Certified Custodians

Brenda Kegebein 17.5

Jason O'Reilly 0.0

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Boelens and seconded by Gerber to adjourn. Time: 12:33 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

Board Secretary