

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, April 08, 2021 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. Nordstrom, Mr. Akers, Mr. O'Riley, Dr. Brumbaugh, Dr. Sullens, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Kazubowski, and Mr. Gripp. Members absent: None. Others present: Angie Zarvell and Robin O'Connor.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

There were no comments from visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 03/11/21 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 03/11/21 Executive Board Executive Session Minutes
- 03/15/21 & 03/31/21 Bills Payable
- 03/19/21 & 04/02/21 Payroll Withholding
- 03/19/21 & 04/02/21 Payroll and Benefits
- 03/31/21 Financial Statement

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

Motion Carried 8-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Elliott, seconded by Sullens 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: 1:31 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Kazubowski, seconded by O'Riley to return to open session at 1:48 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Akers, seconded by Brumbaugh to approve the following Employment:

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. J. Roderick Smith

School Psychologist

100 Days at \$365. Per Day

Begin Date: First day for the Henry-Stark Counties Special Ed. 2021-2022 calendar

CONTRACT NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Alyssa Goman

Paraprofessional/Wethersfield

Start Date: 10/19/20

End Date: End of the 2021-2022 School Year

Ms. Molly Mirocha

Paraprofessional/ExCEL

Start Date: 08/13/14

End Date: End of the 2021-2022 School Year

Ms. Teresa Shipe
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Start Date: 01/09/19
End Date: End of the 2021-2022 School Year

RETIREMENT

Ms. Marci Jett
Program Coordinator/Annawan, Galva, & Stark County Grade School
Start Date: 06/03/13
End Date: Last day of the 2024-2025 School Year

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

Motion Carried 8-0

INDEPENDENT POLICE
OFFICER CONTRACT
AGREEMENT:

A motion was made by Sullens, and seconded by O'Riley to approve the following Independent Police Officer Contractor Agreement:

Mr. Jack LaGrange, Liaison Police Officer

Effective dates: First day of student attendance through last day of student attendance for the 2020-2021 school year according to the ExCEL School Calendar.

Hourly Rate: \$18.50

Hours Per Week: No more than a maximum of 30 hours per week as scheduled by the ExCEL Principal.

School of Assignment: ExCEL School, Atkinson, Illinois

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

Motion Carried 8-0

SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST
SCHOLARSHIP
AND EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT:

A motion by Nordstrom, seconded by Sullens, to approve the Speech-Language Pathologist Scholarship and Employment Agreement with Sadie Espino. This agreement will be for a combined scholarship and employment program to pay the tuition/fees costs for the qualified individual to enroll in a graduate program for a speech-language pathologist program and to provide employment for the individual upon program completion and state certification.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE
GOALS FOR 2021-2022:

A motion by Sullens, seconded by Akers, to approve the Director's performance goals for the 2021-2022 school year. The new performance goals will include the following:

1. The Director will visit each school building in the cooperative a minimum on one time each semester.
2. The Director by February 28, 2022 will complete a comprehensive Needs Assessment of HSCSED.
3. The Director will attend a Board meeting for each Member District during the 2021-2022 school term.

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

Motion Carried 8-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

1. FY21 Cash Flow
2. ExCEL Report by Principal Casey Miller
Student News – The pack is growing this month with a jump from 50 students to 52. Among those 52 students we are down to only 10 remote learners for the entire program. Our 3rd-8th grade students did an amazing job completing the IAR testing and our 3rd, 5th, and 11th graders knocked the ISA out of the park. We are now prepping our seniors and juniors for the SAT test on April 14th.
Staff News – Mr. Jeffrey has some field trips planned for our high school students coming up here in the month of April. The trips include a college tour of Blackhawk College as well as a career exploration activity through local businesses in Kewanee.
Building News – In the month of March our student council organized and executed a spirit week to raise funds for our program. Between dress up days and penny wars we were able to raise nearly \$60 that we can then put into small improvements in our program. The penny wars were a voting activity to let the students decide to who would be pied in the face on the last day of spirit week before spring break. Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Christakos, and I were the lucky 3 to receive enough votes to take a pie to the face in front of the entire wolf pack.
3. 12/01/20 Child Count
As of December 1, 2020 Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District #801 has 1030 students utilizing the special education programs offered. The break down between the 8 districts for the last three years are listed below.

Listed out per district:

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Annawan	39	41	37
Bradford	39	42	43
Cambridge	69	69	58
Galva	90	93	93
Geneseo	289	289	287
Kewanee	368	365	358
Stark County	118	116	101
Wethersfield	68	67	53
Total	1080	1082	1030

Listed out per disability for the 2020-2021 school year

Intellectual Disability	46
Orthopedic Impairment	0
Specific Learning Disability	305
Visual Impairment	5
Hearing Impairment	8
Deafness	1
Deaf-Blindness	0
Speech-Language Impairment	228
Emotional Disability	54
Other Health Impairment	165
Multiple Disabilities	7
Developmental Delay	146
Autism	63
Traumatic Brain Injury	2
Total	1030

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Akers and seconded by Brumbaugh to adjourn. Time: 2:00 p.m.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 8-0