

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met Thursday, December 16, 2021, 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, Mrs. Boelens, Mr. Larson, Mr. DeBord, Mrs. Orwig, and Mr. Snodgrass. Members absent: Mrs. Troxell. Others present: None.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Boelens and seconded by Murphy to approve the old business of Mr. Russ Rumbold from Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. stated the results of the June 30, 2021, audit were favorable and that the board has been provided accurate financial information on which they have based their decisions and recommendations. Ending fund balance for all sources was \$2,515,382. The audit showed a clean opinion with \$364,848 Excess of Direct Receipts Over Direct Disbursements which is approximately a 2.3-month reserve.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 08/19/21 Operating Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
- 08/19/21 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- 08/13/21, 08/31/21, 09/15/21, 09/30/21, 10/15/21, 10/29/21, 11/15/21, and 11/30/21 Bills Payable
- 08/20/21, 09/03/21, 09/17/21, 10/01/21, 10/15/21, 10/29/21, 11/12/21, 11/26/21, and 12/10/21 Payroll Withholding
- 08/20/21, 09/03/21, 09/17/21, 10/01/21, 10/15/21, 10/29/21, 11/12/21, and 11/26/21, and 12/10/21 Payroll and Benefits
- 08/31/21, 09/30/21, 10/31/21 and 11/30/21 Financial Statements

Roll call vote showed Boelens, Larson, DeBord, Orwig, Gerber, Murphy, 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 Boelens, seconded by Orwig to accept the approval of the following Personnel:

EMPLOYMENT

Misti Crosby-Thurston – Pending Contingent Certification

Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School

Salary: \$12.00/Hr

Start Date: 01/05/22

William Farb

Paraprofessional/Geneseo High School

Salary: \$12.00/Hr

Start Date: 11/01/21

Rachael Himmelman

Paraprofessional/Northside

Salary: \$12.00/Hr

Start Date: 10/18/21

Michelle Hulstrom– Pending Contingent Certification
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 01/05/22

Marissa Johnson
Paraprofessional/Lyle
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 11/15/21

Kerrigan Kelly – Pending Contingent Certification
Paraprofessional/Central
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 01/07/22

Paula King – Pending Contingent Certification
Paraprofessional/Central
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 01/07/22

April Knott – Pending Contingent Certification
Paraprofessional/Central
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 01/07/22

Jason O'Reilly
Custodian/ExCEL
Salary: \$16.00/Hr
Start Date: 12/13/21

Jessica Shipley– Pending Contingent Certification
School Social Worker/Kewanee High School
Salary: \$42,500/Yr
Start Date: 01/05/22

Sayde Tapia– Pending Contingent Certification
Paraprofessional/Wethersfield Elementary
Salary: \$12.00/Hr
Start Date: 01/10/22

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

Ms. Jennifer Carlson
Family Medical Leave Act
Cross Cat Teacher/Central
Estimated Leave Start Date: 02/04/22
Estimated Leave End Date: 04/25/22

Ms. Amy Croegaert
Family Medical Leave Act
Ed Teacher/ExCEL
Estimated Leave Start Date: 11/30/21
Estimated Leave End Date: 02/22/22

RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Nancy Duarte-Guerrero
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Start Date: 10/01/19
End Date: 11/19/21
Reason: Personal

Ms. Chelsy Hallberg
Paraprofessional/Kewanee High School
Start Date: 08/16/17
End Date: 11/19/21
Reason: Personal

Ms. Samantha Lain
Paraprofessional/Northside
Start Date: 08/12/21
End Date: 11/11/21
Reason: Personal

Ms. Kaylynn McNamee
Paraprofessional/Central
Start Date: 01/07/19
End Date: 10/29/21
Reason: Personal

Ms. Christina Minnaert
Paraprofessional/ExCEL
Start Date: 08/21/17
End Date: 10/29/21
Reason: Personal

Ms. Mary Beth Newby
Paraprofessional/Stark County Grade School
Start Date: 08/15/19
End Date: 11/15/21
Reason: Personal

TERMINATION

Ms. Shannon Pennington
Paraprofessional/Lyle
Start Date: 08/17/21
End Date: 10/15/21

RETIREMENT

Mr. Michael Kegebein
Custodian/ExCEL
Start Date: 07/01/10
Retire Date: 12/31/21

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

Motion Carried 7-0

HEALTH/LIFE/DENTAL/
VISION INSURANCE
RATES:

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Boelens to approve the revised rates for the District's Health/Dental/Life/Vision Insurance Plans for the policy year to run January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The monthly rates are as follows:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance – Bronze Plan

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

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance – Silver Plan

Employee	\$614.23
Employee+Spouse	\$1,357.39
Employee+Child(ren)	\$1,245.11
Family	\$1,988.27

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance – Gold Plan

Employee	\$712.52
Employee+Spouse	\$1,574.62
Employee+Child(ren)	\$1,444.37
Family	\$2,306.48

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance – Family Plan

Employee	\$556.86
Employee+Spouse	\$1,230.61
Employee+Child(ren)	\$1,128.82
Family	\$1,802.57

Humana Dental Traditional Preferred

Employee	\$39.12
Employee+Spouse	\$78.54
Employee+child(ren)	\$107.50
Family	\$107.50

Humana Vision 200 - EyeMed

Employee	\$13.38
Employee+Spouse	\$22.56
Employee+Child(ren)	\$23.01
Family	\$36.39

Humana Life Insurance - \$10,000 Face Value

Employee Only	\$1.10
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Roll call vote showed Gerber, Murphy, Boelens, Larson, DeBord, Orwig, and Snodgrass voting aye. No one voted nay.

Motion Carried 7-0

SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKER SCHOLARSHIP
AND EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENTS FOR
BROOKE RENNICK

A motion by Boelens, seconded by Orwig, to approve the presented School Social Worker Scholarship and Employment Agreement for Brooke Rennick. 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 school social worker and to provide employment for the individual upon program completion and state certification.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

DECEMBER 2021
JANUARY 2022
FEBRUARY 2022
MARCH 2022
AUTHORIZATION:

Motion by Murphy, seconded by Gerber to authorize the Director to process the December 2021, January 2022, February 2022, and March 2022 Payroll Liabilities, Payroll Obligations, Bills Payable, and Personnel Actions as necessary.

Voice Vote - Motion Carried 6-0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

1. FY22 Cash Flow
2. ExCEL Report – By Casey Miller, Principal

Student News

This holiday season the pack stands at 50 students. The school students will have the opportunity to enjoy a field trip on the 10th of December. Some of our STEP Program students will get the chance to job shadow multiple professions at the River Music Experience in downtown Davenport. The participants will get to explore the careers of audio engineering, talent booking, music education, and music marketing.

Staff News

Our program will be saying goodbye to one of our longest tenured members at the end of the month. Michael Kegebein will be retiring on December 31, 2021. We are in the process of finding his replacement to keep ExCEL up and running.

Building News

The social work team at ExCEL has created a “Giving Tree” program where our students have made Christmas wish lists and they have posted them on our Facebook page. In less than 3 hours, the entirety of our elementary floor’s wish list was purchased and donated to our students. This will allow us to make sure that every single student at ExCEL will have a gift to open for Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Gerber and seconded by Larson to adjourn. Time: 12:24p.m.

Motion Carried 7-0 Voice Vote

Board Secretary