

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA COUNTY
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2023 (FRIDAY)**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Heath called the Regular meeting of the Special Education Association of Peoria County Board of Control Meeting to order in the conference room at the SEAPCO Central Office.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Heath asked for Roll Call Attendance to be taken by Mrs. Pesch.

Present: Forck, Flowers, Jockisch, Baele, Weaver, Shinall, Gresham, Allison, Heath, Duling, Alvey, Jones, Crider

Absent: Reiley, Dotson, Wagner

Also in Attendance: Director Lora Haas; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Kerry Klesath, SEAPCO Administrator; Hope Blagden, SEAPCO Consultant; Carli Jones, SEAPCO Social Worker; Kathleen Coulter, EA Representative; Susan Pesch, Recording Secretary

III. PRESENTATION FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Heath thanked the visitors in attendance and gave them an opportunity to address the Board on agenda items. He asked all visitors to please identify themselves for the record.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Mr. Duling moved to approve the Board Minutes of the Regular session meeting held on December 09, 2022. Dr. Allison seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

- B.** Dr. Allison moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Duling seconded the motion.

1. Approval of Bills
2. Contract for Vonachen Services, Inc.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 255
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

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V. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Heath stated this concludes the **ACTION ITEMS** segment of the meeting. He moved on to the **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION** segment of the meeting.

A. Dr. Haas reviewed the Personnel Update and reported retirements at the end of this school year from Peggy Anderson and Christine Danz. Kimberly Goodwin, Theresa Whelan, and Tabitha Chennault have resigned.

B. Director Haas stated that the referrals are running as expected.

C. Director Haas reviewed the Director's Report.

1. Treasurer's Report-Mr. Higdon reported that everything is going well.
2. Van-Mrs. Klesath stated that she has been in search for a van for the RISE program. They are currently using a bus from Princeville District #326. She informed Board members that the old lease for Midwest Central was \$7,000. It increased to \$19,000. Calls have been made to Landmark Ford and River City Chevy. Mrs. Klesath said that she would discuss it with the Finance Committee in the spring.
3. Staffing-Dr. Haas passed out a flyer to each Board member. She reviewed the data in regards to the need for an additional Consultant. She stated they are considering adding an additional Consultant as well.
4. Medicaid-Dr. Haas informed Board members that we are working on consents, referral, and scripts with new staff. We are keeping up with PCG as well.
5. Summer Training-Mrs. Klesath reported that a flyer would be sent out with summer training information. She asked Board members to complete it at their convenience. The survey will be sent to teachers as well.
6. Serving School Committee-Dr. Haas reported that it is on her to do list to gather Board members together for a guideline. Everyone is different on the school side. It is good to have information in a document. Mrs. Forck, Mr. Jockisch, and Dr. Weaver stated that they would be interested. Dr. Haas explained that each district does things differently. Forming the committee would be beneficial to all SEAPCO Districts. She informed Board members that she reached out to other cooperatives to get their opinions on the matter.
7. Next Board of Control Meeting – March 10, 2023

VI. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Heath asked Board members if they wanted to discuss items in Closed Session. The Director and Board members did not have items for Closed Session. Dr. Heath stated that Board members would not be going into Closed Session.

VII. PERSONNEL

A. Dr. Baele moved to approve to employ the following individuals. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion.

1. Elizabeth Robertson, Special Education Teacher (FTE 1.00), Norwood Primary School District #63, for the 2023-2024 school year.

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2. Rebecca Howard, Special Education Administrator (FTE 1.00), Peoria Heights District #325, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 255
Nays: 0
Motion Passed

- B.** Dr. Gresham moved to approve and accept the retirement for Laura Guilfoyle. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion.

1. Laura Guilfoyle, Special Education Administrator, SEAPCO Central Office, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 255
Nays: 0
Motion Passed

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Director Haas reported that SEAPCO received a donation in the amount of \$900 from the Knights of Columbus.

IX. PRESENTATION FROM AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

Dr. Heath asked if there was any non-agenda business to be brought before the Board from the audience. There was none.

X. NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Heath asked if there was any non-agenda business to be brought before the Board from either Board Members or the Administration.

Dr. Haas stated that SEAPCO Social Worker Carli Jones went to Canton to meet with the Crisis Team. Mrs. Jones responded that it was eye opening. Kids were affected as well as the staff. It is worth sharing and would be something useful in the event if it ever happened with a SEAPCO District. Dr. Haas thanked Mrs. Jones and stated that she appreciates it.

Ms. Crider informed Board members that she is developing free summer programs. The Peoria Regional Learning Center has moved. There will be an open house. Flyers will go out to each District.


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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Heath asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Allison moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duling seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 a.m.



Dr. Eric Heath
Chairperson



Mrs. Susan Pesch
Recording Secretary



Dr. Loren Baele
Secretary