

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Eric 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, Jockisch, Baele, Weaver, Reiley, Chatterton, Alternate Albritton, Gresham, Allison, Wagner, Heath, Duling, Jones, Alternate McKenna

Absent: Flowers, Dotson, Alvey

Also in Attendance: Director Lora Haas; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Kerry Klesath, SEAPCO Administrator; Jacy Vick, SEAPCO Administrator; Felicia Hoskins, 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.** Dr. Allison moved to approve the Board Minutes of the Regular session of meeting held on February 10, 2023. Dr. Reiley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

- B.** Dr. Chatterton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Approval of the Bills
2. Construction Approval

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 238
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

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C. Dr. Wagner moved to waive the 1st Reading and Adopt the Following Policies. Dr. Baele seconded the motion.

1. Policy 6:30 – Organization of Instruction
2. Policy 4:165 – Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
3. Policy 5:120 – Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 238
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

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 resignations from Christopher Hanlon and Kimberly Bird.

B. Dr. Haas reviewed the Director's Report.

1. Treasurer's Report-Mr. Higdon stated that everything is typical this month. There is nothing out of the ordinary. Dr. Haas informed Board members that Karen Beverlin would be coming in to help with the budget in the spring. Mr. Higdon has started the process.
2. Job Fair-Mrs. Klesath reported that the SEAPCO job fair is on March 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is the first time for a job fair. Flyers will be sent out. We have SEAPCO staff that will help. Dr. Haas stated that signs were placed at various locations. It has also been advertised in the Peoria Journal Star.
3. Vision/Hearing Screening-Dr. Haas stated that Illini Bluffs had parents that did not want their child screened. Parents have the right to object for religious reasons. Language could be added to the handbook. This comes up every year. Dr. Haas informed Board members that she would put something together to hand out for districts.
4. FY24 Inter-District Billing Practice-Dr. Haas informed Board members that there is no change with inter-district billing. We made changes in the past but the cost is the same for FY24.
5. Medicaid-Director Haas reviewed Medicaid information with the Board members. She stated that districts need to make sure that someone is marking the transportation for the kids that are attending. Not every child requires special transportation. Mr. Higdon stated that information would be sent to each bookkeeper. Dr. Haas said that if a student has an aide, districts would get reimbursed.
6. Board Committee Assignments-Dr. Haas reviewed the information and reported that Mr. Shinall has shifted to Vice Chair. All others are the same.
7. Next BOC Meeting – April 14, 2023

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VI. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Heath stated this concludes INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS of the meeting agenda. He moved into EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION for the following purpose(s):

- Review Information Concerning the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body
- Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students

Dr. Heath stated that **NO FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN** on any of these matters until the Board returns to Open Session.

Dr. Heath asked for a motion to enter into Closed Session per the Illinois Compiled Statutes 120/2. Dr. Chatterton moved to enter into Closed Session. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 238
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

Entered Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

VII. PERSONNEL

A. Dr. Chatterton moved to approve to employ the following individuals. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Samantha Clayton, Consultant (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Perry Miller, Human Resources Director (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective July 3, 2023.
3. Joseph Bohannon, Special Education Administrator (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective July 3, 2023.
4. Stephanie McGinnis, School Social Worker (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 238
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

B. Dr. Baele moved to approve to release the following individuals at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion.

1. Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

a. Jeffrey Justen

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2. Honorable Dismissal of Teachers at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

a. Wanda Stewart

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 238
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to review.

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. There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Heath asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Chatterton moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

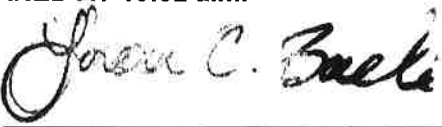
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:02 a.m.



Dr. Eric Heath
Chairperson



Mrs. Susan Pesch
Recording Secretary



Dr. Loren Baele
Secretary