

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA COUNTY
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
April 14, 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, Flowers, Baele, Weaver, Reiley, Chatterton, Shinall, Gresham, Dotson, Allison, Heath, Duling, Alvey, Crider

Absent: Jockisch, Wagner, Jones

Also in Attendance: Director Lora Haas; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Kerry Klesath, SEAPCO Administrator; Kris Dutton 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.** Dr. Alvey moved to approve the Board Minutes of the Regular and Closed sessions of meetings held on March 10, 2023. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

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

1. Approval of Bills
2. ISP Agreement
3. Approval of FY24 Calendars

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 234
Nays: 0
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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.** Director Haas reviewed the Personnel Update and reported that Linda Roberts is retiring at the end of the school year. Linda offered to help with training during the new school year. We will do our best to fill her position. Elizabeth McWhirter resigned from her position as a COTA. Jeffrey Justen turned in his keys to Dr. Weaver at Pleasant Hill. Mr. Justen abandoned his position with SEAPCO.
- B.** Dr. Haas reviewed the Director's Report.
 - 1. Treasurer's Report-Mr. Higdon reported that everything was good.
 - 2. Construction Update- Mr. Higdon stated that we had construction during spring break for concrete repairs. Fire doors were installed in the kitchen downstairs. Once the weather is nice, they will start painting the exterior of the building. Painting in the gym is scheduled over the summer.
 - 3. Extended School Year-Dr. Haas informed Board members that ESY will be back at Pleasant Valley for the typical programs. Current lists were sent out. Updates will be sent out monthly. Registrations have been sent to all parents. We are looking to offset some cost for districts by using our grant funds.
 - 4. ED Program FY24-Mrs. Klesath informed the Board members that the ED programs are full at Bartonville Grade School. We are in the process of reviewing projections for the new school year. It is possible that there would be a need for an additional ED position. Dr. Haas stated that we are looking to hire a co-teacher. Bartonville has five classrooms. We cannot have the kids begin the school year with a tutor and will work on getting creative.
 - 5. Summer Training-Mrs. Klesath stated that she passed out information in regards to summer training. Topics are listed on the sheet. Flyers and surveys were sent out. Please share with your teachers.
 - 6. May Retirement-Dr. Haas said that she passed out a flyer. The email will be sent out with the May retirement information. A Google form will be included.
 - 7. Next Board of Control Meeting – May 12, 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.** Mrs. Forck moved to approve to employ the following individuals. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
 - 1. Amber Buss, Dean of Students/Administrator (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, beginning July 3, 2023.
 - 2. Heather Vahling, Paraprofessional (FTE 1.00), Bartonville Grade School District #66, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

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3. Amy Doman, Consultant (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Hayley Hawton, Special Education Teacher (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO RISE, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Jessica Bowton, School Social Work Intern (FTE .80), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Chelsea Everett, School Social Worker (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
7. Richard Hardin, School Social Worker (FTE .80), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Kierra Daniels, School Social Worker (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
9. Laura Heuermann, Special Education School Psychologist Intern, (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 234
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

B. Mr. Flowers moved to approve the employees for ESY. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion. Dr. Haas informed Board members that Kimberly Bird was removed from the list.

Amy Ruwe, Teacher
Ashley Howard, Teacher
Holly Still, Teacher
Holly Lhamon, Adapted PE Teacher

Gillian Cramer, Nurse

Paraprofessionals:

Kimberly Bird
Abigail Greenway
Tim Pleasant

Approval to Re-Employ for ESY Program

Anne Dixon, Coordinator
Hope Blagden, Coordinator
Lindsey Alvey, Speech Pathologist
Sara Hamilton, Physical Therapist

Aimee Roy, Speech Pathologist
Rachel Roberts, Occupational Therapist
Carli Jones, School Social Worker

Teachers:

Diana Davis
Jennifer Williams-Hogsett

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Katrina Bishop
Allison Borland
Kaitlin Sandford
Andrea Bishop
Kelly Streitmatter
Amber Buss
Bethany Medlin

Paraprofessionals:

Douglas Arnold
Shundell Broomfield
Aimee Dillingham
Sarah Haines
Carolyn Jackson
Brandy Jackson
Laurel Leadley
Michelle Sibley

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 234
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.

Ms. Crider informed Board members that there is a Teach, Train, and Thrive training with Lani Lawson on June 20. She said that information would be sent out. Ms. Crider stated that the Peoria County Sheriff would like to speak with all Board members prior to the SEAPCO Board meeting next month.

Mrs. Klesath asked Board members if anyone has extra lockers. The new RISE program will need six lockers for the students next school year.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:03 a.m.