

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA COUNTY**

**BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**JUNE 10, 2022 (FRIDAY)**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Chad Wagner 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. Wagner asked for Roll Call Attendance to be taken by Mrs. Pesch.

**Present:** Forck, Flowers, Jockisch, Shinall, Gresham, Dotson, Wagner, Alternate Hart, Heath, Duling, Crider

**Absent:** Baele, Weaver, Reiley, Chatterton, Allison, Alvey, Jones

**Also in Attendance:** Director Lora Haas; Karen Beverlin, Chief School Business Official; Amber Buss, EA Representative; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Susan Pesch, Recording Secretary

**III. PRESENTATION FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Dr. Wagner 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.** Mrs. Forck moved to approve the Board Minutes of the Regular and Closed sessions of meetings held on May 13, 2022. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

- B.** Mr. Dotson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Approval of Bills
2. Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn Attorneys of Record
3. Approval of Aramark Contract

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4. Approval of FY23 Board Meeting Dates
5. Approval to Pay FY22 Bills Through June 30, 2022

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Motion Passed**

- C.** Mr. Dotson moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dunlap District #323. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Motion Passed**

- D.** Dr. Gresham moved to approve the FY23 Board Secretary. Dr. Heath seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Motion Passed**

- E.** Mrs. Forck moved to Waive the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Adopt the Following Policies. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Policy 3:70 – Succession of Authority
2. Policy 5:70 – Religious Holidays
3. Policy 6:70 – Teaching About Religions
4. Policy 5:110 – Recognition for Service
5. Policy 5:140 – Solicitations By or From Staff
6. Policy 6:140 – Education of Homeless Children
7. Policy 4:70 – Resource Conservation
8. Policy 5:80 – Court Duty
9. Policy 6:80 – Teaching About Controversial Issues
10. Policy 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights
11. Policy 2:230 – Public Participation at Board of Control Meetings and Petitions to the Board
12. Policy 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Motion Passed**

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#### V. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Wagner 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 resignations from Lauren Cramer and Theresa Whelan. Karen Funk submitted her retirement for November 2022.
- B. Dr. Haas reviewed the Referral Update and stated that information was in the board packet. Referrals have bounced back due to students struggling with behaviors. Many children cannot be placed in early intervention. It is possible that we might have more summer evaluations.
- C. Dr. Haas reviewed the Director's Report.
  - 1. Treasurer's Report-Dr. Beverlin stated that SEAPCO is tracking as expected.
  - 2. ESY Updates-Dr. Haas informed Board members that SEAPCO Academy had a third of the students not show up. Reasons could be that more community kids now showing up and parents are not making them come to school. Children's Home has two less cottages. We are shifting staff to compensate the changes. SEAPCO Central Office ESY is set to begin on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Lists have been sent. We will send updated lists again next week. Senior ESY has 15 students. We have 2 Teachers and 1 Student Facilitator. We cannot fit all of the students on the activity bus. IVC and Pleasant Hill offered to help. The cost may increase by \$20 per day for each student to compensate for the transportation. There is no housing fee for ESY. If a student comes for 3 days, they will be included in the tuition billing.
  - 3. Trainings-Emails have been sent in regards to CPI/RTO for July dates. We will have a couple more in September. Dr. Haas said that FBA/BIP training will be in August for our Teachers. District Teachers are welcome to join us. Our Welcome Back is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>. Many new Teachers come without Special Education experience. There is an overwhelming need for training. Administrators and Consultants cannot keep up with the support. We have considered bringing in a retired Consultant just for the new Teacher support.
  - 4. Tuition 2022-2023-Dr. Haas informed Board members that the tuition information was in the board packet. The biggest change will be the CC Teacher cost. So many CC Teachers have retired. The new bills will be sent out for July and August.
  - 5. Director's Position-Director Haas stated that her position will be posted at the beginning of August. The goal is to hire someone in October. It would make sense to pull someone from inside the organization. Dr. Haas explained that both she and Susan are retiring at the same time. It will be less stressful to pull someone from within. Dr. Heath is the lead with the interviewing process. He is the next Chairperson. Board members discussed posting it as soon as possible. Dr. Haas responded that we would post the position in July.
  - 6. Next BOC Meeting – August 12, 2022

#### VI. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Wagner 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. Wagner stated that Board members would not be going into Closed Session.

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**VII. PERSONNEL**

**A.** Mr. Jockisch moved to Approve to Employ/Re-Hire from Release. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Amy Schmit, Student Facilitator (FTE 1.00), Bartonville Grade School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Angela Hills, Student Facilitator (FTE 1.00), Bartonville Grade School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Jaelyn Anderson, Student Facilitator (FTE 1.00), Farmington Central Elementary School, effective for the 2022-2023 school year

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**B.** Mr. Duling moved to Approve to Employ/Re-Employ individuals for the ESY Program (ESY 2022). Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. Dr. Haas stated that Becki Holloway was removed from the list.

Tricia Archibald  
Becki Holloway  
Wanda Stewart  
Hailey Hawton  
Sara Landerdahl

Timothy Pleasant  
Misty Crandell  
Elia Canfield  
Christine Danz  
Shelby Johnson

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**C.** Mrs. Forck moved to Approve the Non-Unionized Support Staff Salaries. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. Dr. Haas informed Board members that SEAPCO Secretary Lisa Foust was leaving. Rather than replacing someone for the position, we restructured duties to help with efficiency. Dr. Haas stated that Sheila Grashuis has been training with Lisa Foust. Sheila will take care of the I-Star duties. We are giving half of Lisa's salary and amongst the Secretaries that will be taking on extra duties. SEAPCO will still save money. Our goal is to make our current people more competitive. It is a one-time thing. Dr. Gresham asked if Dr. Haas was comfortable consolidating positions. Dr. Haas commented that it was Susan's idea to put this together and we both were comfortable with the shift.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

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- D.** Mr. Dotson moved to Approve the Administrators' Contracts for Jacy VanDyke and Rebecca Howard. Dr. Haas informed Board members that the other Administrators received a 2-year contract which included a larger salary increase to include TRS. Jacy VanDyke will receive a 1-year contract to be in line with the others. Rebecca Howard is currently a Dean of Students. She finished her administrative degree. Rebecca will receive extra duties to help with Pleasant Hill. Allison Childers could not take on all of the duties. Rebecca will also come in to work with Brooke Mair and work 5 additional days.

Jacy Vandyke

Rebecca Howard

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

- VIII.** Dr. Gresham moved to approve to cancel the July 8, 2022 Board of Control Meeting. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

- IX.** Mrs. Forck moved to pre-approve the July 8, 2022 Bills. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 205  
Nays: 0  
Motion Passed**

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to review.

**XI. PRESENTATION FROM AUDIENCE ON NON-AGENDA BUSINESS**

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

**XII. NON-AGENDA BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

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Ms. Crider reviewed information in regards to the PRAXIS test. The Peoria Regional Learning Center will be leaving Wildlife Prairie. They will open at the old Franciscan Center in Peoria. Ms. Crider informed Board members that Cindy Dollman was transitioning on her own as a Consultant. We are moving away from in-person learning and moving to the online portal. Information will be emailed to everyone.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Wagner asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crider seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes  
Motion Passed**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 a.m.**

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Dr. Chad Wagner  
Chairperson

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Dr. Loren Baele  
Secretary

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Mrs. Susan Pesch  
Recording Secretary

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For the record, Dr. Wagner **will state/stated** the Board is now in EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION. He **will indicate/indicated**, per Public Act 92-523, a verbatim audio tape recording **will be/was** made of all discussions during EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION and **identify/identified** each person present by name and **will move/moved** to the EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION items.

Roll Call Sheet: **Attached**

Administrators: **Attached**

**1. Personnel**

- a. None at this time

**2. Students with Disabilities**

- a. None at this time

Dr. Wagner **will ask/asked** for a motion to return to Open Session.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Voice Vote:**

**Returned to Open Session at** \_\_\_\_\_ **(insert time)**

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