

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA COUNTY

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

REGULAR SESSION

October 14, 2022 (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 9:45 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Jockisch (arrived @ 9:53), Baele, Chatterton, Shinall, Gresham, Allison, Wagner, Heath, Jones, Crider

Absent: Forck, Flowers, Weaver, Reiley, Dotson, Duling, Alvey

Also in Attendance: Director Lora Haas; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Kerry Klesath, SEAPCO Administrator; Becky Howard, SEAPCO Administrator; 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 and Closed Session meetings held on September 09, 2022. Dr. Wagner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

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

1. Approval of the Bills

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 150
Nays: 0
Motion Passed**

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- C. Mr. Jones moved to approve the FY22 Audit. Dr. Allison seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 150

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 Pamela Hall, Tricia Archibald, and Corey Sanford. Vimala Velpula is resigning at the end of the school year.
- B. Dr. Haas reviewed the Referral update and stated that SEAPCO is trending as expected for numbers. We are seeing more evaluations and more HS students due to mental health issues.
- C. Dr. Haas reviewed the Director's Report.

- 1. Treasurer's Report-Mr. Higdon stated that everything looks good. The maintenance grant will be included at the November meeting. The east doors are falling apart. The south doors are also in bad shape. We have received estimates for the front of the building to be painted. Dr. Haas commented that the grant is through ISBE.
- 2. Staffing – 1:1 District Hired Aides-We currently have 15 Student Facilitator openings. We keep shifting employees around due to the lack of staff. Dr. Haas reported that she would give monthly updates to the Board members. Two applicants declined due to the salary, which was \$15-\$17 per hour. Dr. Haas discussed the 1:1 aides that are District hired. We are currently entering the data into Embrace. The Districts receive Medicaid reimbursement for these students. It would be more beneficial to have someone from the Districts enter the data. The SIS Coordinators could possibly enter this data. We can do the training. Dr. Haas stated that she would discuss this individually with the Board members during the transition process.
- 3. LEA Determinations-Dr. Haas reviewed the data with the Board members.
- 4. Occupational Therapy-Dr. Haas stated that SEAPCO needs to hire an additional COTA. The OT Department is getting overwhelmed. Kerry is in charge of the OT Dept. and met with them last month. The data reflects a need for an additional COTA. Adding an additional COTA will increase the average cost for Districts. Mrs. Klesath stated that the minutes have increased over the last 3 years. Dr. Haas said that she would like to post the position. We will be fiscally responsible.
- 5. Next BOC Meeting – November 11, 2022-Dr. Haas stated that she would like to move the meeting date to Thursday, November 10th.

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):

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- 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. Wagner moved to enter into Closed Session. Dr. Baele seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 167

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Entered Executive Session Remotely at 10:07 a.m.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A.** Dr. Wagner moved to approve to employ the following individuals. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

1. Kerry Klesath, SEAPCO Director, effective July 1, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 167

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. Dr. Haas informed Board members that there is a Short Term Substitute training on November 3rd. The training is virtual.

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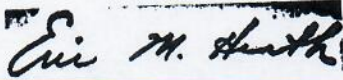
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

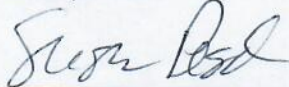
Dr. Heath asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Baele seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

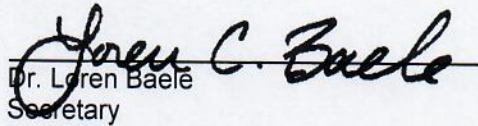
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 a.m.



Dr. Eric Heath
Chairperson



Mrs. Susan Pesch
Recording Secretary



Dr. Loren Baele
Secretary