

SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF PEORIA COUNTY

**BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 (THURSDAY)**

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 9:32 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Forck, Flowers, Baele, Weaver, Reiley, Alternate Vallas, Shinall, Gresham, Wagner, Heath, Duling, Alvey, Jones, Crider

Absent: Jockisch, Dotson, Allison

Also in Attendance: Director Lora Haas; Ritchie Higdon, SEAPCO Director of Finance & Operations; Allison Childers, SEAPCO Administrator; Christine Danz, 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. Wagner moved to approve the Board Minutes of the Regular and Closed sessions of meetings held on October 14, 2022. Dr. Reiley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

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

1. Approval of the Bills

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 253
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 updates on the Board of Control Votes. The data changes every year. We had big changes this year in regards to Cross Categorical Teachers that have resigned or retired. Otherwise, this data is based on the number of students in a Center-based program.
- B. Dr. Haas reviewed the Personnel update and reported no resignations at this time.
- C. Dr. Haas reviewed the Director's Report.
 - 1. Treasurer's Report-Mr. Higdon stated that we have nothing unusual at this time. The Maintenance grant is in the packet. We received a last minute painting bid that is \$27,000 less from the other bid. Dragoo Painting Inc. did the previous painting at SEAPCO and at Norwood. The other bid was from Mid-Illinois Companies. Mr. Higdon informed Board members that the painting bids for the gym were comparable. Dragoo's bid had taken awhile and just came in on Friday.
 - 2. Fall Update-Dr. Haas informed Board members that Allison Childers is organizing the CPI Training. CPI requires 8 hours of training each year. We have different cost points. Dr. Haas mentioned the options of having the training at the districts or at SEAPCO and the potential cost of each. There is no cost for training during a school day. Allison had 16 individuals that did not show up on a Saturday training and the lunches were wasted. Allison will send out a information and reminders. It is easier to train in the summer. We catch new staff on Saturdays. Mrs. Childers stated that information will be sent to districts inquiring about certifying their own trainer. Dr. Haas reviewed the class openings. Kerry Klesath will come in once a month for her training as Director. She will begin attending Manager Meetings as well. We will look to fill her position, which will likely lead to some shifting of all or most of the SEAPCO Administrators. Once a quarter, we are going to honor staff that go above and beyond. Dr. Haas reviewed the current list this quarter with Board members. They received a gift basket and a visit from the SEAPCO Administrator. The SEAPCO Administrators nominate the employees. Dr. Haas passed out a chart in regards to discipline information. Please refer to the chart for any questions.
 - 3. Hiring Survey – Due February 1, 2023-Information was in the packet. We will send the word format to each Board member. If everything stays the same, please sign the document at the top of the page. The document includes highlighted information.
 - 4. Next BOC Meeting – December 09, 2022

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.

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VII. PERSONNEL

A. Mrs. Forck moved to approve to employ the following individuals. Dr. Weaver seconded the motion. Dr. Haas informed Board members that Regina Ganschow is adding a day to her contract to help at IVC. They could not find a replacement for a School Psychologist.

1. Kimberly Strausbaugh, Student Facilitator (FTE 1.00), Bartonville Grade School District #66, effective November 14, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Olivia Arteaga, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective 01-02-2023, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Whitney Edwards, Student Facilitator (FTE 1.00), Pleasant Valley Primary School District #62, effective November 7, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Regina Ganschow, School Psychologist (FTE .80), SEAPCO Central Office (contract revision-begin August 2022), for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Stephanie Hodge, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (FTE 1.00), SEAPCO Central Office, effective November 14, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 253

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Haas informed Board members that the DC Classroom had a fundraiser to purchase a bicycle. We have received big checks. Thank you to those that contributed.

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 reminded Board members that there is a meeting after the December 9 Board of Control meeting.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Voice Vote: All Ayes
Motion Passed**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:56 a.m.


Dr. Eric Heath
Chairperson


Mrs. Susan Pesch
Recording Secretary


Dr. Loren Baele
Secretary