

BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 15, 2024

10:30 AM

Regional Office of Education
300 Heart Boulevard
Loves Park, Illinois

Members Present:

Mr. Matt Fry, Belvidere Representative
Mr. Michael Dugan, Hononegah
Dr. Terrell Yarbough, Harlem
Ms. Bridget French, Rockford Representative
Dr. John Schwuchow, Winnebago

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ms. Tabatha Dougherty, CEANCI
Mr. Scott Bloomquist, Regional Office of Education

Guests:

Ms. Beth Mead, CEANCI
Ms. Janet Zinke, CEANCI

At 10:40 AM Dr. Schwuchow opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Harlem made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Rockford seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE - approved

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Harlem made the motion to approve the minutes for the Board Meeting, January 19, 2024. Rockford seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE - approved

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Beth Mead introduced guests Julie Anderson, counselor from RPS Maria Montessori, and 8th grade student, Salam AlBatmah to talk about the CEANCI Pathways Project held March 6 at Mercy Health

Sports Core 2. Julie specifically appreciated the increased world view and exposure students receive from the various business partners and their careers. Salam's top booths were the interactive Xray booth and the politician booth where they spoke about how a law is made. Beth then introduced volunteer, Ed Liegl, who spoke about helping at the event and how enjoyable it was for himself. Ed encouraged all high schools to participate in the high school booths as these students reach the middle school students on a different level and is generally very positive. This year there were approximately 900 middle school students, 5 high school booths, and 49 business partner booths.

Beth then discussed the Future Top Chef event CEANCI held in February at the Rockford Country Club. 42 student chefs created original recipes for the chili cookoff which was this year's theme.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tabatha Dougherty advised the board that the CTEI funds will not be spent at the 75% threshold as required by ISBE because of the additional funds that the State of Illinois granted CEANCI at the end of 2023, additionally, there are many transportation and salary expenditures that are recorded in May that will use the balance of the grant. CTEI is at 64% spent currently. The Perkins grant is spent at the 3rd qtr benchmark.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Hononegah made a motion to approve payment of bills for January 1 – February 29, 2024. Harlem seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - approved

SYSTEM DIRECTORS REPORT

The CEANCI annual report and PIP, both due to ISBE by 3/1/2024 have been submitted on time. The region has improved in that 3 PIPs were due this year, improving from 7 last year.

Tabatha attended the IACTE conference in February, 13 region instructors attended and 3 CTE Directors.

Tabatha continues to work with the region districts on the Program Quality Review, the Local Needs Assessment, and the Program of Study.

Harlem and Byron were both awarded the METT Grant and Harlem has begun purchasing equipment for their new program.

ISBE has released the new funding formula; however, the final allocations will not be released to CEANCI until June per the ISBE calendar. All EFE's have been advised that their funding will not be reduced due to the new formula.

SYSTEM DIRECTOR GOALS

All System Director Goals have been met or are on track to be completed by June 30, 2024.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Hononegah made a motion to approve the updated job description. Rockford seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE - approved

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hononegah made the motion to move into Executive Session. Harlem seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE – approved

Hononegah made the motion to move out of Executive Session. Harlem seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE – approved

ACTION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Harlem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rockford seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE – approved

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tabatha Dougherty
Recording Secretary

Dr. Cassandra Schug
Board of Governors Secretary