

Regional Office of Education Committee
Regional Office of Education #11
Charleston, IL 61920
December 1, 2014

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bobbi Mattingly, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. ROEC Members present were Jan Eads, Coles County; Bibby Appleby, Douglas County; Alan Zuber, Edgar County; Dave McCabe, Moultrie County; and Kay Kearney, Shelby County. Susan Guinnip, Clark County and Todd Beard, Cumberland County were absent.

Minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the committee members. A motion to approve minutes was made by Jan Eads. Bibby Appleby seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting.

Dr. Mattingly addressed the Report of Official Acts. Bobbi explained the "Application for Recognition of Schools". All public schools and some non-public schools submit an application to the ROE who then verifies that each district has the required policies in place. As part of the recognition process, Dr. Mattingly and Beth Preston went through hundreds of paraprofessional records to make sure they were properly licensed. After review by the ROE, the Application for Recognition is submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education for final approval and recommendation. Another mandated activity is review of district audits. The audits are submitted to ROE for review and a signed copy is forwarded to ISBE. Dr. Mattingly stated it is the responsibility of the regional superintendent to verify that audit findings from the previous year have been resolved.

Bobbi then explained some items on the Quarterly Report. "Local Service Fees" are monies collected from testing services offered at the ROE. "Gifted Independent Study" offer educators the opportunity to earn a gifted endorsement. This training is available only through ROEs. "No Kid Hungry" is a new grant that benefits the youth services breakfast program. Marilyn Purcell, principal at Lerna Bridges, applied for funding to purchase kitchen hardware that is needed to meet Illinois Public Health Department standards.

On Sept 8, ROEC members approved the Copies of lease amendment to establish maintenance fund for ROE building. The document was signed by each county board and will be forwarded to each county clerk. Original signed addendum will be kept in ROEC minutes.

Dr. Mattingly reminded the group that there were some unanswered questions from the September 8 meeting. The question was posed as to where the new roof warranty would be stored. The warranty will be kept in the safe at the ROE. It is a 10 year warranty. At the September 8 meeting, Alan Zuber asked a question regarding how the proceeds of the sale of the building would be divided amongst the current seven counties. Bobbi directed attention to page 3 of the lease

Superintendent Mattingly moved the conversation to the topic of interest options for the Maintenance Funds. The committee decided to let the Regional Superintendent decide where and how to best get the best interest rate.

Bobbi discussed her testimony at the recent ISBE budget hearing. Dr. Mattingly commented on Senate Bill 16. It is a funding formula being proposed to change the way the state distributes funding to public

schools. A handout was provided from the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

Mr. Thompson informed the committee about Vision 20/20. It is the platform of a new vision developed in collaboration by state professional education organizations. Kyle and Bobbi will attend training in Mt. Vernon and will share more about Vision 20/20 during subsequent meetings. Kyle shared how PERA is changing the way teachers and administrators are evaluated. He and Katie O'Dell have facilitated professional development trainings to help educators better understand the process.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Zuber, seconded by Kay Kearney. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Bobbi Mattingly, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent of Schools