

Regional Office of Education Committee
Regional Office of Education #11
Charleston, IL 61920

June 6, 2016

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bobbi Mattingly, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. ROEC members present were Clark County, Susan Guinnip; Coles County, Jan Eads; Douglas County, Bibby Appleby; Moultrie County, Dave McCabe; and Shelby County, Kay Kearney. ROEC members absent were Cumberland County, Ron Black and Edgar County, Alan Zuber. There was no public comment/written communication.

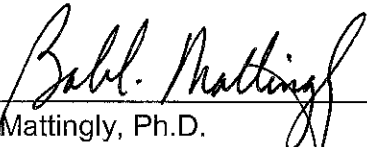
Dave McCabe moved to approve minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Kay Kearney seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

The Report of Official Acts was reviewed. Dr. Mattingly pointed out that we hired the bus instructors as employees so that we could have more control over their services/instruction. There are 2 additional grant funded employees and a new grant funded program. Dr. Mattingly pointed out that we had 514 homeless students during the 2015-2016 school year and that we had one of the largest populations of homeless students in the state. Moving to the Quarterly Funds Report, Dr. Mattingly discussed the County Sales Facility Tax passed through our office for Shelby & Douglas counties. The proposed FY17 ROE #11 Office Operations Budget was presented. The total budget amount is unchanged from FY16. Dr. Mattingly noted that the counties portion may vary due to 2015 Assessed Property Values paid in 2016.

Asst. Regional Superintendent of Schools Kyle Thompson gave a legislative report, including updates on the K-12 funding. He explained that during FY16 the K-12 was the only part of the budget that got passed but for FY17 beginning July 1, 2016 K-12 does not have a budget. He explained that the schools in the region can open with no budget but for how long will depend on individual school districts. Mr. Thompson also explained in more detail the County School Facility Tax and how that is passed through to the school districts and that it is used for school facilities, upkeep, & repair. Lastly, Mr. Thompson discussed "Bowling Alone", a book that discussed community involvement and it's decline in recent years.

Jan Eads mentioned that the Coles County courthouse was moving to a new phone system and that the change to a different company and type of phone would save an extensive amount of funds. Elizabeth Peterson stated that she would contact Mrs. Kamada at the courthouse once their current contract was up to see if any price breaks could be made in the future.

Bibby Appleby moved to adjourn the meeting. Jan Eads seconded. All were in favor as shown by saying aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Bobbi Mattingly, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent of Schools