

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

March 2, 2020

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. ROEC members present were; Roy Clapp, Cumberland County; Phil Ludington, Edgar County; Dave McCabe, Moultrie County; Kay Kearney, Shelby County. Nancy Purdy, Coles County; Susan Guinnip, Clark County; and Bibby Appleby, Douglas County were absent.

Dr. Thompson shared a correspondence note from a Southern Illinois superintendent who appreciated ROE #11 efforts to remove edTPA through legislation. Dr. Thompson also shared a correspondence note from a local Illinois Education Association representative thanking ROE #11 for our continued support.

Dave McCabe made a motion to approve the December 2, 2019 minutes. Roy Clapp seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts and Quarterly Funds Report. Dr. Thompson pointed out that alternative education enrollment is high in all four locations. On the Quarterly Funds Report, he notified the Committee that invoices will be mailed to the counties later this week. He also discussed the County Schools Facilities Tax and legislation surrounding CSFT that may return some more tax dollars for local use.

Dr. Thompson distributed a fact sheet and discussed the status of edTPA legislation he worked with legislators to introduce in the General Assembly. The legislation has bipartisan support in both chambers and continues to build statewide momentum. He expects to attend and testify at a capitol hearing sometime this spring.

Dr. Thompson shared the professional development newsletter and discussed some of the professional development opportunities in our office this spring. He noted that PD coordinator Katie O'Dell has more spring PD scheduled than ever before.

Dr. Standerfer updated the Committee on Health Life Safety building inspections and school district Compliance visits. We have concluded all but three building inspections, totaling 77 buildings inspected in ROE #11.

Dr. Standerfer also highlighted our annual building administrators' breakfast which occurs every January. This year we held the breakfast at Aikman Wildlife Center's ReClaimed Food & Spirits restaurant. Before engaging in an Ed Camp, administrators heard a presentation from drug recognition expert and police officer Ryan Snow. Mr. Snow will return to present in our office again in April.

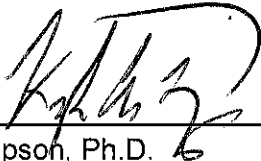
Dr. Thompson notified the committee that the Truants Alternative Optional Education Program (TAOEP) Request for Proposal (RFP) will be opening up again this spring. Every three years ROE

#11 writes a grant to assist in providing truancy services throughout the region. Dr. Thompson also discussed new and proposed legislation, citing that the volume of bills passed last spring and introduced this spring was overwhelming. He discussed some of the new and proposed legislation with the Committee.

Dr. Standerfer shared some TRS updates regarding the payroll process for ROEs and school districts. He let the Committee know that TRS and our local legislators will be visiting our office again this spring. This will affect the way our office and school districts handle payroll in the summer months. Dr. Standerfer also discussed our annual Office Professionals Banquet coming up in April.

Dr. Thompson updated the group on our inaugural ROE #11 Recognition of Excellence award. Our office solicited nominations from school districts to nominate an educator they believe deserves the honor. Office staff will visit these educators before the end of the year and present them with some items of appreciation. Nominations were received from 18 school districts.

Kay Kearney made a motion to end the meeting. Phil Ludington seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be June 1, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent of Schools