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Professional Development Advisory Board Meeting Meetings
Regional Office of Education #11
September 4, 2019
5:30 pm

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

A catered meal from Smoky's was provided and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Board members signed the attendance sheet, indicated if mileage was incurred and received an agenda and packet for the meeting. Katie O'Dell began the meeting by leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

a. Members Present:

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| Dr. Kyle Thompson | Regional Superintendent of Schools |
| Dr. Zakry Standerfer | Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools |
| Katie O'Dell | Professional Development Coordinator |
| Janet Blade | Spanish, Cumberland High School |
| Jerry Calandrilla | Administrator, Bridges Alternative Education |
| Linda Casteel | Math, Mattoon High School |
| Angie Gentry | Administrator, Arcola Elementary |
| Megan McDonald | Seventh Grade Math, Shelbyville Middle School |
| Jill Rogers | Superintendent, Martinsville |
| Heather Seaton | Business, Paris Cooperative High School |
| Yvonne West | Third Grade, Neoga Elementary School |
| Heather Wilson | Fifth Grade, Sullivan Middle School |

Members Absent:

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| Dr. Doug Bower | Dean, Eastern Illinois University |
| Leslie Richter | Kindergarten, Stew-Stras Elementary |
| Malia Smith | Language Arts, Mattoon High School |
| Sharon Stahler | Second Grade, North Ward Elementary, Tuscola |

II. Approval of September 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, all members were emailed meeting minutes from September 5th, 2018. Members also received a paper copy to review and were given a chance to make any additions and/or corrections. A motion was made by Jerry to approve the minutes as distributed, Janet seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.



III. Introductions

With the addition of four new members to the board, we began the meeting with introductions. Welcome new members – Dr. Zakry Standerfer, Megan McDonald, Yvonne West and Heather Wilson. During this time, Katie also reminded members that the advisory board will only be meeting once a year moving forward – the first Wednesday of every September.

IV. Fall Professional Development Newsletter 2019

The Fall 2019 Professional Development newsletter was included in the members packet. Katie highlighted a few of the opportunities that are available and encouraged members to take this information back to their districts.

V. Raising Student Achievement Conference Scholarship

This year, ROE #11 is awarding a total of four scholarships to two district teams to the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Schaumburg on December 9th and 10th. There is an application process for this scholarship and that information was emailed to superintendents and building administrators on August 26th. Each district team must consist of a minimum of two educators who plan to attend both days of the conference. The application will ask for the team to designate how information and strategies gained through the conference will be utilized in district professional development or the school improvement process. If educators are interested in this opportunity, they can contact their administrator for more information. The application deadline is October 4th.

VI. ROE #11 Future Teacher Night

Katie introduced the upcoming ROE #11 Future Teacher Night flyer in members' packets. On October 9th, Eastern Illinois University, University of West Florida, and Grand Canyon University will be at ROE #11 to discuss a variety of options that each university has to offer for future teachers. Members of the board are encouraged to help spread the word about this event to substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, new career seekers, and even high school seniors expressing interest in teaching. Dr. Standerfer and Dr. Thompson answered members' questions and shared additional information on the universities and event.

VII. Licensure Updates

As of right now, all new paraprofessional licenses require at least 60 hours of college credit. New legislation removed the test of basic skills (WorkKeys test). This does not impact anyone who currently has a license, but will impact those wishing to apply. There may be legislation that comes through during the veto session that will bring back the WorkKeys as an option.

The short-term substitute license is still available as an option. This requires a minimum of 60 semester hours, is only valid through June 30, 2023 and is

non-renewable. This differs from the traditional substitute license in that it does not require a bachelor's degree.

VIII. Open Floor to Advisory Board

Jill inquired about the Leader in Me professional development that Mattoon and Charleston have recently started with their staff. She would like for there to be an informational meeting for superintendents and administrators to determine if it would be a right fit for their districts. Katie will contact Kristen Holly and Christy Hild for additional information.

IX. Adjournment

Jill made a motion to adjourn and Jerry seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

APPROVED