

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

December 6, 2021

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were; Nancy Purdy, Coles County; Roy Clapp, Cumberland County; Jim Mikeworth, Douglas County; Phil Ludington, Edgar County; Marsha Kirby (filling in for David McCabe), Moultrie County; and Gary Gergini, Shelby County. Not present: Susan Guinnip, Clark County.

Dr. Thompson read several items of positive correspondence including teacher night thank you letters as well as Gerry Brooks in-service thank you cards from Marshall School District and Oakland teachers.

Nancy Purdy made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Roy Clapp seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts and Quarterly Funds Report. He pointed out committees and boards meetings held, initial bus courses hosted, student services student enrollment numbers, number of homeless students, buildings inspected, and school district audits reviewed. On the quarterly funds report, he discussed county school facility taxes and federal stimulus funds. He discussed the fiscal year budget reduction.

Dr. Thompson briefly reviewed the approved FY '22 budget. He also discussed the final payoff process of the Regional Office of Education #11 building, noting that the building is now paid off.


Dr. Standerfer shared that health life safety inspections in twenty of twenty five districts have been completed. He shared the efforts made by the Regional Office of Education #11 to recruit teachers through a future teacher night with five universities and thirty perspective teachers in attendance. Dr. Standerfer also shared about the initiative to recruit and prepare bus drivers through hosting multiple initial bus courses at the Regional Office of Education #11.

Dr. Thompson discussed homeless funding and grants, including the American Rescue Funding grant, overseen by the Regional Office of Education #11. Dr. Thompson shared about participation in the Make It Local Effort to advocate for school district involvement in local decision making.

Dr. Thompson stated the uncertainty of the pandemic future and the impact on school districts. Dr. Thompson mentioned new legislation that impacts the school year, new mental health days allotted for students, and that more are anticipated. Dr. Thompson shared various upcoming professional development planned for educators, administrators, and professionals expanding beyond the region and at a free or significantly low cost.

Dr. Thompson and Dr. Standerfer answered questions regarding teaching standards, addressing the teacher shortage, and the barriers to filling teaching positions.

Roy Clapp made a motion to end the meeting. Gary Gergeni seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM. The next meeting will be March 7, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Thompson', is written above a horizontal line.

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Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.  
Regional Superintendent