

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

June 6, 2022

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were: Jim Mikeworth, Douglas County; Phil Ludington, Edgar County; and Susan Guinnip, Clark County. Members not present were: Roy Clapp, Cumberland County; Marsha Kirby, Moultrie County; Gary Gergini, Shelby County; and Nancy Purdy, Coles County.

Dr. Thompson read a couple of items of positive correspondence including thank you notes from ROE #11 school secretaries regarding the Annual Office Professionals Banquet the office hosted in April.

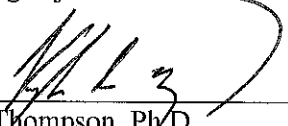
Minutes tabled due to lack of quorum.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts and Quarterly Funds Report. He reported on the number of GED testers, homeless students, and workshop attendees. He also shared on the increase in students enrolled in Bridges Alternative School. On the quarterly funds report, he discussed APEX payments and COVID related grants. On the proposed budget, Dr. Thompson and ROE #11 Bookkeeper, Elizabeth Shriver, shared about the new requirements for technology and cyber security. Elizabeth Shriver highlighted the IMRF percentage decrease. Dr. Thompson shared about the maintenance of the ROE #11 office building with the replacement of guttering.

Dr. Thompson discussed the recent reduction in COVID related issues. He provided an update on the McKinney-Vento Homeless program, including the usage of the surplus of federal funding through local service agencies. ROE #11 Office Manager, Sue Shumway, shared about the Annual Recognition of Excellence Awards process and recipients. Dr. Thompson described his five speaking engagements, advocating in Springfield at the Illinois State Board of Education, regarding local control.

Dr. Thompson gave an update on the status of grant applications for RSSP, TAOEP, RWECEG, ROE/ISC, and McKinney-Vento. He stated that many have been submitted and all are due by July. He shared that with federal funding, ROE #11 will now have summer school opportunities available. He explained the ROE #11 Regional Board of School Trustees and the recent increase in the number of inquiries and hearings, with the next hearings scheduled for July 2022. He shared that solutions are being sought to change the process in the future. He discussed the upcoming ROE #11 Regional Institute Day to be held in October 2022.

Phil Ludington made a motion to end the meeting. Jim Mikeworth seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM. The next meeting will be September 12, 2022.



Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent