

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

September 11, 2023

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. ROE #11 staff member, Sue Shumway, took roll call. Members present were Sonny Ross, Shelby County; Phil Ludington, Edgar County; Susan Guinnip, Clark County; Jeremy Doughty filling in for Andrew McDevitt, Coles County; Jonathan Kaye, Cumberland County. Members not present were Marsha Kirby, Moultrie County and Ed Carlton, Douglas County.

Dr. Thompson opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments.

Dr. Thompson read a few items of positive correspondence including an email from a substitute teacher training participant with compliments to ROE #11 licensure officer, Braddi Browning, and an email from an RTA member expressing gratitude for the ROE #11, complimenting the ROE #11 presentation, annual report, and assistance with the newsletter.

Phil Ludington made a motion to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes. Susan Guinnip seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts. He highlighted the number of refresher bus driver course participants and annual bus transportation director meeting. He shared an update on the number of homeless students. He answered questions about the increase in numbers and the definition of homelessness. He discussed the health life safety process. Assistant Regional Superintendent, Dr. Zakry Standerfer explained the role of the ROE #11 in assisting school districts in building permits, code requirements, safety concerns, and occupancy permits. Dr. Thompson reported on licenses issued and professional development workshops hosted by ROE #11 for educators in the region. He reviewed the Quarterly Funds Report. He discussed the CEO program and the change of the role of the ROE #11 in the Illini Prairie CEO from employing the facilitator to a supportive position. He highlighted the RWECEP COOP revenue and its role in assisting students in becoming workforce ready. He discussed the reduction in school district funding as a result of the COVID funding dissipating. He shared plans for technology improvements within the schools. ROE #11 bookkeeper, Elizabeth Shriver answered questions about the ESSER III funds. Dr. Thompson discussed the ROE #11 Annual Report. He highlighted the ROE #11's involvement in the Oakland CUSD #1 superintendent search and proceeded to explain each section of the report. He discussed the Youth Services Annual Report and highlighted staffing and student outcomes. He answered questions on RSSP and TAOEP

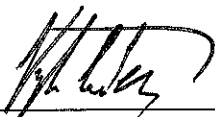
programs and student demographics. He provided an explanation on the McKinney-Vento program, school district resources, and community partnerships to assist students and families experiencing homelessness.

Dr. Thompson presented the proposed FY '24 budget. He pointed out the projected budget and reviewed the current budget, noting the total remained the same. Elizabeth Shriver, explained the rate change process in benefits and answered questions for line items. Susan Guinnip, Clark County made a motion to vote on the approval of the FY '24 budget. Jeremy Doughty, Coles County seconded. Roll call vote taken: Clark County - yes, Coles County - yes, Cumberland County - pass, Edgar County - yes, Shelby County - yes. FY '24 budget passed, 4-0.

Dr. Thompson highlighted the recent efforts of the office, including ROE #11 staffing, "Sub for Subs" recruitment and licensure event, and licensure testing result concerns. Dr. Standerfer expanded upon the licensure content testing issue. He and Dr. Thompson shared the collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education to address content exams. Dr. Thompson highlighted ROE #11's upcoming initiatives, including substitute teacher training events, attendance awareness initiative, youth services, health life safety inspections, and professional development. He shared the professional development newsletter and substitute teacher training event flier. He addressed questions about the school bus driver shortage and the testing and training requirements.

Susan Guinnip, Clark County made a motion to end the meeting. Sonny Ross, Shelby County seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2024.



Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent