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

June 9, 2025

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rachel Wilson took a roll call. Members present were Susan Guinnip, Clark County; Travis Wilson, Douglas County; Nancy Purdy, Coles County; Sonny Ross, Shelby County; Arlon Long, Moultrie County. Members not present were Janet Blade, Cumberland County and Phil Ludington, Edgar County.

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

Dr. Thompson read a couple of items of positive correspondence including a thank you card from Lakeland for the 8th Grade Career Conference, an appreciative 3rd Grade teacher coming in for testing, a thank you from an IMRF Employment Compliance Review and a thank you from Charleston superintendent Chad Burgett for the Teacher Institute Day efforts.

Travis Wilson made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes. Susan Guinnip seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts. He highlighted GED tests administered, transcript requests, and bus driver numbers. He shared an update on student services and explained the homelessness epidemic with the hope to keep the McKinney-Vento program intact. Dr. Thompson reported on Health Life Safety and building permits. He answered questions about homelessness, licensure, and AFR deadlines.

He reviewed the Quarterly Funds Report and highlighted the APEX lower rates and discussed state funds/grants. He mentioned the school bus funding and answered a question about the Health Life Safety amendments.

Dr. Thompson presented the proposed FY '26 budget. He pointed out the projected budget and reviewed the current budget, noting the percentages from each county that change slightly annually. He answered questions about the maintenance fund balance, benefits vs salaries, and cybersecurity insurance.

Dr. Thompson sought a motion to enter into closed session. Sonny Ross made a motion to enter into closed session. Nancy Purdy seconded. Motion carried. 9:40 AM

Sonny Ross made a motion to return to open session. Travis Wilson seconded. Motion carried. 10:45 AM

The committee recommended to table agenda item #8 by a vote of 4-1 with Nancy Purdy opposing.

Sonny Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Guinnip, Clark County seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025.

Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent