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

September 8, 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; and Janet Blade, Cumberland County. Missing was Phil Ludington, Edgar County.

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

Dr. Thompson presented Nancy Purdy with the Friends of Education award for her many years of dedication and service to education.

Travis Wilson made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025 minutes. Arlon Long seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the Report of Official Acts. He highlighted bus drivers, building permits, licensing registered, and professional development. He shared an update on local funds. He answered Sonny's question regarding the county school facility tax.

Dr. Thompson reviewed the Quarterly Funds Report. He highlighted Local, State, and Federal funds. He mentioned the EBF funds are used for staff salaries at Bridges locations. He discussed being the Area IV Lead on the homeless McKinney-Vento grant.

Dr. Thompson presented the ROE #11 Annual Report. He mentioned the data and programs with the benefit of having the handout for RTA meetings, and various boards and committees.

Dr. Thompson discussed the Youth Services Annual Report and highlighted the three Bridges locations and TAOEP (truancy) services. He answered questions on truancy, mental health days (excused vs unexcused) and the required mental health evaluations in 2 years.

Dr. Thompson inquired if a closed session was needed for the stipend request. No comments were made. Dr. Thompson sought a vote for a stipend increase of 7.836% in FY'25 and 7.272% in FY'26 for Regional Superintendent and Assistant Regional Superintendent, and beginning in FY'27 and each year thereafter, a stipend increase of 1% shall be granted to the collective earnings of both positions each year. Roll call vote taken: Susan Guinnip, Clark County - Yes;

Nancy Purdy, Coles County - Yes; Travis Wilson, Douglas County – No; Sonny Ross, Shelby County - Yes; Arlon Long, Moultrie Co. – Yes; Janet Blade, Cumberland Co., Yes. The motion carried 5-1.

Dr. Thompson presented the proposed FY '26 budget. He pointed out the projected budget and reviewed the current budget. Sonny Ross, Shelby County made a motion to vote on the approval of the FY '26 budget. Janet Blade, Cumberland seconded. Roll call vote taken: Susan Guinnip, Clark County - Yes; Nancy Purdy, Coles County - Yes; Travis Wilson, Douglas County – Yes; Sonny Ross, Shelby County - Yes; Arlon Long, Moultrie Co. – Yes; Janet Blade, Cumberland Co., Yes. FY '26 budget passed, 6-0.

Sonny Ross, Shelby County made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Blade, Cumberland County seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026.

Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent