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Professional Development Advisory Board Meeting Meetings
Virtual via Zoom
September 6, 2023
4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Katie O'Dell.

a. Members Present:

Dr. Kyle Thompson	Regional Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Zakry Standerfer	Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jon Julius	Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools
Katie O'Dell	Director of Professional Development
Angie Gentry	Professional Development Assistant and Instructional Coach
Aimee Lugo	Arcola CUSD #306
Steffanie Seegmiller	Arthur CUSD #305
Jerry Calandrilla	Bridges Alternative Education
Katherine Gallaher	Charleston CUSD #1
Shantel Parks	Cowden Herrick CUSD #3A
Susan Wyatt	Edgar County CUSD #6
Cindy Spencer	Kansas CUSD #3
Chris Young	Mattoon CUSD #2
Anne Anderson	Neoga CUSD #3
Linsay Swigart	Oakland CUSD #5
Lara Macklin	Okaw Valley CUSD #302
Kirstin Mills	Paris CUSD #4
Heather Seaton	Paris High School
Megan Young	Shiloh CUSD #1
Leslie Richter	Stewardson-Strasburg CUSD #5A
Bobby Beck	Villa Grove CUSD #302
Melissa Murphy	Windsor CUSD #1

b. Members Absent

Kacie Rhoads	Casey-Westfield CUSD #C-4
Janet Blade	Cumberland CUSD #77
Malia Smith	Mattoon CUSD #2
Katie Harkins	Shelbyville CUSD #4
Sharon Stahler	Tuscola CUSD #301

Approved

II. Approval of September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

All members were emailed meeting minutes from September 7th, 2022 prior to this meeting. Members were given a chance to make any additions and/or corrections. A motion was made by Chris to approve the minutes as distributed, Jerry seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Introductions

There has been significant turnover since the last meeting with retirements and teachers moving out of the region. This year we included representatives from all school districts in the region so we conducted short introductions. We are still missing representatives from Central A&M CUSD #21, Marshall CUSD #C-2, Martinsville CUSD #C-3, Paris CUSD #95, and Sullivan CUSD #300.

IV. What is a PD Advisory Board?

Katie shared the Illinois School Code as it pertains to the Advisory Board and its duties. This board will continue to meet the first Wednesday in September each year.

V. Fall Professional Development Newsletter 2023

The Fall 2023 Professional Development newsletter has been emailed to all school districts whom have provided an updated directory. Katie highlighted a few of the upcoming opportunities. The board was reminded to continue to visit the ROE website for events that are scheduled after the newsletter was published. She also mentioned the ROE had purchased a new digital star lab that they would be rolling out this fall.

VI. ROE #11 Fall Institute

The 2022 fall institute was a huge success. At this time, the ROE will be offering a regional institute every other year. The event will tentatively run from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and each site will hear an opening and closing keynote. Feedback from last year's session indicated that educators enjoyed the keynote but wished they could have heard both messages. Between the opening and closing keynotes there will be two breakout sessions. Katie asked the board to encourage their colleagues to present at a breakout session.

VII. RSAC Scholarship

ROE #11 is once again offering a scholarship opportunity to school districts wishing to send a team of educators to the Raising Student Achievement Conference that will be held in Oakbrook on December 11th and 12th. The scholarship will reimburse school districts for up to two early bird registration fees. Applications for the scholarship are due to ROE #11 by Friday, September 15th.

VIII. Specific Learning Disability Support Project (SLD)

The Specific Learning Disability Support Project is a federally funded grant project through ISBE in partnership with EIU and EIASE. Their project offers training and resources to meet the educational needs of all students with specific learning disabilities and aims to increase reading and math skills. ROE #11 recently met with the SLD team and will be scheduling opportunities for general education and special education teachers on reading, writing, and math.

Approved

IX. Licensure Updates

Katie shared that ISBE is still planning to roll out PD + in 2025. The goal of PD + will be provide a one-stop shop for educators to search for and register for professional development offered through ISBE-approved professional development providers. The system will also track the completion of PD hours for educators, eliminating the need for manual entry by individual educators.

She also shared that educators can continue to rollover unused professional development hours completed between April 1st and June 30th of the final year of their renewal cycle to the next five year renewal cycle.

Lastly, ISBE did renew the short term substitute license. Anyone with an associate's degree or 60 credit hours can obtain this license. This is valid for grades PK-12 and will be valid until June 30, 2029. At this time, someone with this license cannot teach for more than 5 consecutive days per licensed teacher. However, there is current legislation to change that to 10 consecutive days.

X. ROE #11 Local Wellness Policy

The ROE #11 Local Wellness Policy was reviewed by the board and it was unanimously approved.

XI. Open Floor to Advisory Board

No other discussion.

XII. Adjournment

Bobby made a motion to adjourn and Jerry seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm. The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, September 4, 2024 via zoom at 4:00 pm.

Approved