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

June 8, 2026

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kyle Thompson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dr. Thompson took a roll call. Members present were Susan Guinnip, Clark County; Nancy Purdy, Coles County; Janet Blade, Cumberland County; Arlon Long, Moultrie County; and Judy Wood, Shelby County.

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

Dr. Thompson read a couple of items of positive correspondence. Arcola Principal, Nick Lindsey reached out to commend Attendance Specialist, Erin Beck, and her work with a truancy student. In addition, Josh Norman, EIU Vice President for Enrollment Management, commended our office on reaching 100% participation in an EIU partnership program.

Arlon Long made a motion to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes. Nancy Purdy seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Thompson presented the **Report of Official Acts**.
He highlighted GED stats, student services, and PD workshops. He shared an update on homeless and truancy stats. He went on to explain the attendance process and homeless definition for MKV students. Dr. Julius explained the compliance completion process.

Dr. Thompson reviewed the **Quarterly Funds Report**.
He highlighted the 5 grants, 15 grant funded employees and state funds. He explained Bridges and Bridges funding to new member, Judy Wood.

Dr. Thompson presented the proposed **FY '27 budget**. He pointed out the projected budget and reviewed the current budget, noting the percentages from each county that change. He discussed the decrease between FY21 and FY27.

Dr. Thompson proceeded with discussions surrounding some legislative bills. HB4397 - tougher qualifications for school psychologists, HB4416 - unemployment to Para's (not passed), HB4788 - required female CPR mannequins, and SB1560 - mental health screening mandates for students.

Judy Wood, Shelby County made a motion to end the meeting. Susan Guinnip, Clark County seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2026.

Kyle Thompson, Ph.D.
Regional Superintendent