

**BLUE RIVER CAREER PROGRAMS  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2023**

The Blue River Career Programs' Governing Board met in regular session, Monday, August 14, 2023, at 12:00 pm in the board meeting room of the career center, 801 St. Joseph Street, Shelbyville.

Board members present were David Finkel, Andrew Hawk and Blake Newkirk. Superintendents present were Matt Vance, Josh Edwards, Chris Hoke, and Todd Hitchcock. Also present were Jody Butts, Corporation Attorney; Steve Shaw, Director; Kristen Kile, Administrative Assistant; and Sandy Hensley, Treasurer.

Superintendent Chris Hoke voted in place of board member Karen Humphreys.

President David Finkel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND ASK FOR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Present were new BRCP Instructors Tara Briggs, Olivia Piersall, Matt Ellis, and Warren Bernstein. Mr. Shaw introduced the new instructors. David Finkel and the board welcomed them to the BRCP team.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approve Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Board Meeting and July 31, 2023 Special Board Meeting**

Minutes of the July 11, 2023 board meeting and July 31, 2023 special board meeting were presented for approval. Andrew Hawk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Blake Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Review and Approve Claims and Payrolls**

Prewritten claims 390-416, regular claims 417-456, and payroll claims for pay dates 7/19/23 and 8/2/23 were presented for approval. Blake Newkirk made a motion to approve the claims and payrolls as presented. Andrew Hawk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Permission for Steve Shaw to Enter into Formal Collective Bargaining Negotiations**

Steve requested permission to enter into formal collective bargaining negotiations with the BRCPTA beginning September 15, 2023. This is an annual request. Todd Hitchcock volunteered to assist with the bargaining process. Dr. Hitchcock noted that since count day has been moved to October 2<sup>nd</sup>, SES will not start negotiations until then. Andrew Hawk made a

motion to approve the request as presented. Blake Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Hire Olivia Piersall as Human and Social Services Instructor**

Steve Shaw included the resume of Olivia Piersall as the instructor for Human and Social Services. He requested verification to approve to hire. Blake Newkirk made a motion to approve the hiring of Olivia Piersall. Andrew Hawk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Date and Time for Public Hearing of the Collective Bargaining Process**

IEERB requires that a public hearing be set prior to the start of the collective bargaining process. Steve Shaw requested that the hearing be scheduled for Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. There are no requirements for board members or superintendents to attend. Andrew Hawk made a motion to approve the public hearing date as requested. Blake Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Contract with Church, Church, Hittle & Antrium for CBA Review**

Mr. Shaw recommended that we continue with the services of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrium for the CBA review. We have contracted with them for several years and are satisfied with their services. The fee remains the same at a flat rate of \$850. Blake Newkirk made a motion to approve the contract with Church, Church, Hittle & Antrium as requested. Andrew Hawk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Other**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **Fund Report**

The fund report, bank reconciliation and fund trend report were included in the board packet.

### **2023-2024 Enrollment Report**

Currently, we have 445 students. Last year on count day we were at 369.

### **NEOLA Policy – First Reading**

The policy is available for board review and comments.

**Other**

None

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None

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**NEXT BRCP GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

The next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President David Finkel adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm.