

DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
BOARD OF CONTROL
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

MINUTES

Dr. Jennifer Kelsall called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Board of Control to order at 8:18 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Boardroom at Triton College. Voting members in attendance: Chairperson Dr. Jennifer Kelsall (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Vice Chairperson Ms. Mary-Rita Moore (Triton), Secretary Dr. Nick Polyak (Leyden Dist. 212), Dr. Kevin Anderson (Elmwood Park Dist. 401). Dr. Jesse J. Rodriguez (Proviso Dist. 209) arrived during the meeting. Voting members absent: Dr. Joylynn Pruitt (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200) Dr. Kevin Skinkis (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208). Also present: Ms. Cheryl Antonich (Triton), Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR)

CONSENT ITEMS

The following items were presented for approval.

- A. January 23, 2017 minutes
- B. Ratification of Perkins payments
- C. Ratification of copier payment
- D. Ratification of photocopies payment
- E. Ratification of CTEI amendment
- F. Current board bills
- G. Joint Agreement Budget amendment
- H. Audit contract
- I. Expense/revenue report

Dr. Anderson moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to approve the consent items as presented.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Moore – aye

Dr. Polyak – aye

Dr. Anderson – aye

Dr. Kelsall – aye

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:22 a.m. Dr. Anderson moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to move into closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of DVR or legal counsel for DVR including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for DVR to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2c(1), as amended by PA.93-57. All ayes; motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:27 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

INFORMATION

Video bids: In compliance with GATA, DVR will solicit bids for production of Best Practices videos. Dr. Cothran provided the Board with a copy of the newspaper notice and the timeline. She has made various contacts in order to seek out vendors who would submit bids. Dr. Polyak

suggested contacting Tribeca. Ms. Moore suggested there may be Triton students who produce videos. After receiving Best Practices nominations, Dr. Cothran will be writing the bid specs which she will forward to all Board members to share with their contacts. The Administrative Council requests that Best Practice winners provide presentations at the October School/College Alliance Workshop.

Technical Assistance Visit: DVR's TAV was scheduled for Friday, March 3rd. Dr. Cothran notified the Board that ISBE has rescheduled for April 7th. She noted that at Leyden, key personnel who must be present for the visit have prior commitments for that date. Although it is not known which schools our ISBE representative intends to visit that day, in light of this conflict Dr. Cothran inquired as to whether ISBE would want to select another date. ISBE has not yet made their determination.

Mentor Portal Pilot Program: Econ Illinois has been providing speakers for Career Spotlight presentations and student field trips to PricewaterhouseCoopers. DVR has been invited to participate in an e-mentoring pilot program that will connect students with mentors in the area of finance. Dr. Cothran will share the information with the Administrative Council. Ms. Moore asked whether college students could participate, and Dr. Anderson asked about including elementary students. Dr. Cothran will confirm the answers to their questions.

The Board received minutes of the Administrative Council's December 8, 2016 meeting, FY17 grant claims status, site visit update, and business office backup report.

As a follow-up to last month's School/College Alliance meeting in which the ISBE College & Career Ready Framework was referenced, Dr. Cothran provided an update on the Post-secondary & Workforce Readiness Act. She identified key areas of implementation for Post-secondary and Career Exploration, competency-based high school graduation requirements, scaling 12th grade transitional courses, and college & career pathways endorsements on high school diplomas. She showed the Advance Illinois website and pointed out specific resources posted on the site, and provided hard-copy information as well.

FY18 REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Administrative Council recommends the following regional activities for FY18.

Career Spotlights: Presentations at high schools and field trips to business sites.

Professional development: One-day workshop with half of the day on reading integration and the other half on math integration. The same group of teachers would participate in both sessions. Certiport workshop for IT teachers to gain industry credentials.

Counselor roundtable meetings with workforce presentations focusing on different career clusters.

Dr. Cothran reported that the Certiport representatives may be available to conduct the workshop in November. She will provide this information to the Administrative Council members who will determine if their teachers could participate in November.

Dr. Polyak moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion that Dr. Cothran should proceed with planning the above-listed regional activities for FY18. All ayes; motion carried.

BOARD POLICIES FIRST READING

To establish consistency across our program committees in determining chairpersons each year, Policy 2230 (DVR Committee Chair Responsibilities) and Policy 2231 (DVR Committee Chair Selection) were presented to the Board for first reading. Dr. Cothran took language directly from the existing program chairpersons' contracts for Policy 2230, adding statements regarding disseminating information and supporting regional activities for teachers and counselors. The Administrative Council is the governing body over the program committees. The Board agreed that Policy 2231 will state that, upon receiving applications, the Administrative Council will make recommendations to the DVR Director, and the Board will make the final decision.

DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT

Dr. Kelsall stated that the Board had discussed the contract and Dr. Cothran had reviewed it as well. Dr. Anderson moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to approve Dr. Cothran's final contract. Roll call vote.

Ms. Moore – aye

Dr. Polyak – aye

Dr. Anderson – aye

Dr. Rodriguez – aye

Dr. Kelsall – aye

INFORMATION

Jon Furr will be the keynote speaker at the October School/College Alliance Workshop. In March Dr. Cothran will begin meeting with him to design the framework for the workshop.

OTHER

Ms. Moore invited Board members to provide input on how dual credit is progressing at their schools as well as any concerns they or members of their districts may have.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Polyak moved, Ms. Moore seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. All ayes; motion carried.