

**Whiteside Area Career Center  
Board of Control Meeting  
December 12, 2023**

The Board of Control of the Whiteside Area Career Center met in person and virtually on Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Everett called the meeting to order with the following present: Mr. Nichols – Amboy via Zoom, Mr. Lindy – AFC via Zoom, Mr. Stabler – Bureau Valley via Zoom, Ms. Empen – Dixon, Dr. Kashner – Eastland, Mr. Milem – Erie, Ms. Smith – Forreston via Zoom, Mr. Vance – Morrison via Zoom, Ms. Hamilton – Ohio via Zoom, Dr. Mandrell – Polo, Ms. Lensing – Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico, Dr. Hogue – River Bend, and Mr. McCord – Rock Falls. Also in attendance were Michael Wolfley, Carrie Widolff, and Josh Johnson.

Mr. Wolfley gave the Criminal Justice program spotlight. He explained the curriculum that he teaches mimics the curriculum at Sauk Valley Community College. Unfortunately, students can't transition directly to the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy, as the Academy students must be an employee of a police department. Mr. Johnson stated that since Mr. Wolfley has taken over the Criminal Justice program, he has ramped up the curriculum quite a bit.

Dr. Kashner motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. McCord and unanimously approved.

Ms. Lensing motioned to approve the consent agenda items of the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting and the December financial reports, seconded by Ms. Empen. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Nichols, Mr. Lindy, Mr. Stabler, Ms. Empen, Dr. Kashner, Mr. Milem, Ms. Smith, Mr. Vance, Ms. Hamilton, Dr. Mandrell, Ms. Lensing, Dr. Hogue, Mr. McCord, and Dr. Everett; Nays – None.

The Minimum Seat Guarantee was included in the packet. Mr. Johnson reminded superintendents that this is not the maximum number of students that can register for each class. Quite often other schools do not reach their minimum which leaves openings for remaining schools. This information will be shared with counselors.

In the administrator's update, Mr. Johnson stated that the bid for the properties for sale was in the paper on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The interested party spoke to Mr. Johnson on Monday and let him know he'd be submitting a bid. Mr. Johnson stated the finance committee met, and spoke of several issues. One being the past practice of maintaining one-year in reserves in the event grants do not come through in a timely manner. The committee felt a balance of \$500,000 would cover any issues that may arise in delayed grant payments. He also spoke to potential future grant questions regarding a full-time EFE Director and a full-time WACC Director. He is waiting for clarification from ISBE on the funding formula, and will keep in contact with schools as soon as he has more information. Dr. Everett stated the Director's contract will be brought to the January board meeting for discussion. He asked any feedback from Superintendent's be sent to him before January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Mandrell motioned to adjourn at 9:56, seconded by Ms. Lensing and unanimously approved.

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President

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Secretary

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Date