**VALEES Coordinating Council**

**May 7, 2024**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Mr. Jay Streicher, Vice-Chair. Those in attendance were:

1. **Roll Call**

Present: Andrew Barrett (Geneva); Jessica Sonntag (Hinckley-Big Rock); Julie-Ann Fuchs (Kaneland); Tim Ulrich (Newark); Jay Streicher (Somonauk) and Laura Edwards (West Aurora)

Arrived at: 8:05 a.m. Asa Gordon (East Aurora)

Absent: Brad Newkirk (Batavia) and Heather Kincaid (Oswego)

A quorum was established.

1. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Julie-Ann Fuchs and seconded by Andrew Barrett to approve the items of the consent agenda as follows:**

**-Minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting**

**-Bill Listing for February 20, 2024 in the amount of $506,553.76**

**-Bill Listing for March 19, 2024 in the amount of $327,928.57**

**-Bill Listing for April 19, 2024 in the amount of $296,945.36**

**A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval.**

1. **Old Business**

**FY24 CTEI and Perkins – Revenue and Expenditure Report**

-Cassie Blickem provided a summary of FY24 Revenue and Expenditures for review. CTEI is extended. Cassie shared that all other grants end on June 30, 2024.

1. **New Business**

FY25 Grants Update and Budget Approval to Prepare and Submit Budget

-Cassie Blickem reported on the status of the FY25 CTEI and Perkins Grants.

**A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Laura Edwards that the FY25 VALEES grants and budgets be completed and approved for submission to the ISBE. This motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**A motion was made by Jessica Sonntag and seconded by Asa Gordon that the Coordinating Council membership for FY25 be established as directed. This motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Tim Ulrich to have Dr. Todd Leden serve as the Coordinating Council Chairperson for FY25 and Mr. Jay Streicher to serve as Vice-Chairperson for FY25. This motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**A motion was made by Andrew Barrett and seconded by Asa Gordon to have Dr. Lane Abrell; Dr. Todd Leden and Mr. Jay Streicher serve on the Bill Listing Committee for FY25. This motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**A motion was made by Laura Edwards and seconded by Tim Ulrich to set the Budget Hearing date as August 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the VALEES Office-Auditorium, Room 108, Waubonsee Community College-Sugar Grove Campus. This motion was approved, *7-0*.**

**A motion was made by Jessica Sonntag and seconded by Asa Gordon to set the following meeting dates for the Coordinating Council for FY25. This motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**September 10, 2024 December 10, 2024**

**February 4, 2025 May 6, 2025**

**The starting time for the meeting is 8:00 a.m. in the APC, Room 194.**

1. **Informational**

**US Department of Education monitoring recommendations**

-Cassie Blickem previewed some of the monitoring recommendations from the US Department of Education.

-Laura Edwards (West Aurora) suggested that if the US Department of Education is deciding on need base from the LNA and VALEES CLNA is it possible to wait the two years when districts can make their rewrites. Cassie Blickem will share this suggestion/feedback with Marci Johnson from ISBE.

**Program of Student approval letter**-Cassie Blickem shared the formal approval letter with committee members.

**Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment – submitted to ISBE**

-Cassie Blickem linked the regional comprehensive LNA to the agenda. Cassie also thanked all the individuals at the local districts that wrote the LNA. All 17 were written and submitted on time.

**VALEES Activity Report**

-Cassie Blickem shared highlights from the report with committee members.

-Upcoming summer professional development opportunities being offered by VALEES:

-NIU IL CTE Project PD Workshop, June 5, 2024-Held at WCC, Sugar Grove Campus

-Summer Counselor Institute, June 11 and 12, 2024 (2) days.

1. **Waubonsee Community College Report**

None to Report.

1. **Executive Session**

**-At 8:45 a.m. a motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Julie-Ann Fuchs to adjourn to executive session to discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body” (4 ILCS 120/2, c, 1) for the VALEES staff for FY25. The motion was approved, 7*-0*.**

**Return from Executive Session**

**-At 9:00 a.m. a motion was made by Tim Ulrich and seconded by Andrew Barrett to approve the VALEES staff employment compensation and health benefits for FY25 pending the funding support from the new ISBE Leadership allocation. This motion was approved, *7-0*.**

1. **Other Business**

**Upcoming meeting dates**

September 10, 2024

1. **Adjournment**

**-A motion was made by Tim Ulrich and seconded by Andrew Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved*.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Borneman

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