

RURAL CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
807 N. MATTIS AVE, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 11, 2026

Ms. Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Rural Champaign County Special Education Cooperative, 807 N. Mattis Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

Members Present

Ms. McArthur
Mr. Ellison
Ms. Norton
Mr. Graham
Mr. Amerio
Mr. Landeck

Not Present

Mr. Wilson
Ms. Thompson
Mr. Brooks
Mr. Brink

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director; Mrs. Stephanie Ward, Executive Assistant; Ms. Allison Whitney, School Social Worker

Jared Ellison was appointed Secretary pro tem for the March meeting.

Additions/Deletions

None

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 12, 2026 Executive Board meeting were in the Board packet.

b. Accounts Payable

The accounts payable report for February 13, 2026 - March 11, 2026 were included in the Board packet.

c. Approval of Financial Report (Reconciliation)

The balance sheet as of February 28, 2026 listing a fund balance of \$1,017,347.06 was included in the Board packet.

Ms. McArthur moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Landeck seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur "Nay" None. The motion carried. (6-0)

Executive Session

At 1:02 PM, Ms. Thompson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Mr. Amerio seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

At 1:18 PM, Ms. McArthur made the motion to move out of executive session. Mr. Amerio seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Action Items

a. Action Upon Dismissal of a Probationary Educational Support Personnel Employee

The Resolution was included in the board packet.

Mr. Amerio made the motion that the Board adopt the Resolution, Rural Champaign County Special Education Cooperatives Executive Board Resolution recommending the dismissal of one probationary educational support personnel Jennifer Lindsey as presented and that the Director be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the Notice to the employee as specified in the Resolution. Ms. McArthur seconded. The following roll call was recorded: "Aye" Mr. Ellison, Ms. Norton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Amerio, Mr. Landeck, Ms. McArthur "Nay" None. The motion carried. (6-0)

b. Action Upon Employee Resignation

The Director recommended the approval of the following resignation:

Emily Shaffer - 1.0 FTE Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Mr. Landeck moved to accept the resignation of Emily Shaffer as presented. Ms. McArthur seconded. The motion carried. (voice vote)

Discussion Items

a. IDEA Carryover

The Director explained what the carry over funds can be spent on. Jennifer Armstrong will amend the grants. Districts will let her know what the funds will be used for by the end of March.

b. 2026-2027 District Calendars

The Director requested that each district send their 26-27 calendars to her by email.

Administrative Report

Spectrum Screening Dates

April 20, 2026 Thomasboro

April 21, 2026 Unity

April 29, 2026 St Joseph

April 30, 2026 St Joseph

Actions completed to increase screening registration:

- Districts have emailed parents with screening dates/times.
- Flyers sent home with current students
- Posts on FB pages
- Flyers sent to the Bunnie Hutch in Fisher
- Flyers sent to Child and Family Connections (Early Intervention)
- Flyers posted at local Casey's
- Flyer shared with Hand in Hand Daycare in Tolono
- Flyers distributed at Fountain Valley and The Oaks

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Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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There was no good of the cause participation.

Adjournment

At 1:37 PM, Ms. McArthur moved to adjourn. Mr. Amerio seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Barb Thompson
Secretary of the Board of Directors

Ms. Kimberly Norton
Chair of the Board of Directors

Mrs. Jennifer Armstrong
Recording Secretary

Mr. Bonnie McArthur
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors