

Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) Meeting - November 8, 2018
FCAE Office at the Regional Office of Education #9, Champaign

1. 9:05 am - Welcome and Introductions

ICAE Members: Becky Ropp, Rylan Rusk, Parker Bane, Vern McGinnis, Dick Steffen,

Aimee Poskin, Doug Hanson, Allyn Buhrow, Amy Leman

Advisory Members: Dean Dittmar, Luke Allen, Kevin Larsen, Megan Coy, Jennifer Waters, Susie Scott(FCAE Staff), Jane Quinlan(ROE Superintendent), John Edgar(FFA Assistant Director), Theresa Meers(Parkland College), Marci Johnson(ISBE), Jake Butcher(Dorgan, Butcher, Phelps & Lobbyist), Dan Pentony(Owner of myCAERT)

2. Tour of FCAE Office and ROE #9 Building

Jane Quinlan gave a tour of the building. In mid December, FCAE office will move the front of the building to the back of the building due to renovations. The group reviewed the the agreement with ROE #9 and Parkland College. Questions were asked about the agreement and how employee packages are issued. ROE #9 assumes all risk of FCAE employees.

3. Approve Agenda

Parker Bane moved to approve the agenda. Vern McGinnis 2nd. Motion passed.

4. Approve Minutes of August 24, 2018 Meeting

Vern McGinnis moved to approve the minute. Paker Bane 2nd. motion passed.

5. Marci Johnson (ISBE Report)

Marci gave an update on the contracted employees for the Agriculture Consultant position (Betsy Pesch and Scott Fairfield). They will be employed until June 30. The position for a permanent Agriculture Consultant Position is still posted and will be open until filled. Ideas were shared about how to get more applicants to apply. Marci explained the ED360 project as a resource portal provided to school districts and teachers. 552 districts have opted to enroll in ED360. Marci and Dan will be looking at how many teachers have logged in. They will also be looking at how the myCAERT lesson plans and resources could be added. Perkins 5 has been reauthorized.

FY19- Three Circles Grant 57% participation \$2,016,471

FY18- 83,112 logged hours with an average of 529 hours per teacher

FY18- \$1,391,881 was used for the Three Circle Grant

6. Jake Butcher (Dorgan, Butcher, Phelps and Ag Ed Lobbyist) by phone

Jake gave an update on the political climate of the State of Illinois. Veto session will be next week. One item that will be discussed is the 6% retirement salary cap. Expecting a short veto session after that first one next week. Comptroller is getting closer to paying on time. Budget hearings have gone well over the state.

Jake expects that ISBE will continue to support the line item. ISBE has been very supportive over the years. The new governor will be putting together the new budget working with the General Assembly. Payments from the comptroller have been approximately 90 days behind schedule.

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7. **Dan Pentony (CAERT Inc.)**

Dan gave a brief history of CAERT and their relationship with ISBE and ICAE. Dan informed the group that he would like to sell the business. Rylan laid out three scenarios that could play out. The group will continue discussing CAERT options. A small committee will be put together to work with IAVAT including Doug, Dick, Allyn, and Parker

8. **Business and Discussion Items**

a. **ICAE Committees**

- Nomination and Appointment
 - Dick Steffen moved to accept Jody Heavner(Ag teacher immediately) and Gary Ochs(University July 1) as new members. Aimee Poskin 2nd. Motion passed.
- Marketing/Public Relations
 - Parker Bane moved to accept the ISBE Ag Ed rule changes as presented with changes. Amy Lemman 2nd. Motion passed.
- Curriculum / Program Improvement
 - No committee report
- Budget
 - FY19 budget was reviewed and will be looked at in more detail later. Roughly \$895,000 will be left to spend left from the Three Circle Grant.
 - No FY19 payments received yet from the Comptroller's office. Voucher date was August 22, 2018.
- Human Resources
 - Dean presented information on FCAE staff salary. Doug recommended that the HR committee will meet and discuss the contracts with Dean and FCAE staff before a new hire for District 5.

b. New Business

- Ag and CTE Royalty Account update by Dean.
- ILCAE Annual Meeting on November 28 update by Dean
- FFA Center update by John Edgar
- FCAE highlights and program advisor/coordinator monthly summaries by Dean

c. Set Future Meeting Dates

- i. January 3, 2019 - FFA Center, Springfield
- ii. March 6, 2019 - ISBE, Springfield

9. Adjourn

Vern McGinnis moved to adjourn at 3:42 pm. Aimee Poskin 2nd. Motion passed.