

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Via Telephone Conference Call
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Gary Astor called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. The board meeting was held by a telephone conference call due to inclement weather. The following board members were present: Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Janice Harbaugh, Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenber.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the agenda, including amendments, as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the January 10, 2018 Hearing on Reorganization Petition. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Todd Lundgren, board approval was given to the minutes of the January 12, 2018 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the minutes of the January 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presentation: Postponed.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, board approval was given to the bills as presented by Michelle Dowd. Motion carried unanimously. The cash flow report was reviewed by Michelle Dowd.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the retirement of Diane Nelsen, Transition Coordinator, Estherville office. Retirement effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year. Diane has provided 30 years of service to PLAEA. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Dawn Crane, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, board approval was given to the resignation of Linda Spencer, Regional Administrator, Pocahontas office. Resignation effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year. Linda is taking a similar position at Green Hills AEA in SW Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, board approval was given to the Estherville-Lincoln Central CSD and North Union CSD's resolutions to clarify their common boundary lines. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the Mentoring and Induction Consortium agreements with Albert City-Truesdale CSD and South Central Calhoun CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report

Board Member Development:

- The Board is reading 'A Chance in the World' by Steve Pemberton and discussed Part Two of the book, 'A Mysterious Past.
- The AEA Efficiency Study was reviewed by the Board and it was noted that the study does represent what the AEA system is currently doing.
- Chief Herzberg presented two proposals from Iowa Wind and Solar for the Storm Lake and Fort Dodge offices. The cost of the projects respectively would be \$120,283 and \$30,309. Herzberg has requested a proposal for the Pocahontas office and will bring this information to the Board in March.
- Chief Herzberg informed the Board he would like to seek another quote from IPSIP, The Iowa Public School Insurance Program for the Agency's property and casualty and workers compensation insurance package.


Advocacy:

- Operational Sharing dollars for AEAs may be reverted back to the way it was originally calculated, based on the amount of money for each student and the FTE each shared position is designated; Superintendent equals 8 FTE and Business Manager equals 5 FTE. Prairie Lakes AEA is the only AEA in the state providing these shared positions.
- Chief Herzberg gave a brief update on the AEA System Restructure. The AEA Chief Administrators will be discussing next steps at their monthly meeting on February 22nd. President Astor noted the importance of getting Board members involved in the conversation and that the Iowa AEA Statewide governance Board would be a good vehicle to utilize in the process.
- Chief Herzberg informed the Board that the voucher bill was dead for this year.

Upcoming dates: March 6, 2018, Dr. Doug Reeves will facilitate a work session from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for school leaders and board members; AEA Boards Conference, April 5-6, Hilton Garden Inn in Des Moines.

The March board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Pat Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary