

Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2015 • 4:00 pm
Pocahontas, IA

President Dean Saunders called the regular meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:30 pm. The following board members were present: Gary Astor, Sue Brown, Steve Jimmerson, Todd Lundgren, Rick Morain, and Dean Saunders. Absent: Pat Brown

Board approval was given to the agenda presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the April 21, 2015, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. Judy Mischke, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, and Maureen Salinas, Audiologist, shared a brief presentation on hearing services provided to the children in PLAEA birth to 21 years of age. Referrals are coordinated between Early Access staff and hospitals. Because earlier identification is occurring, children are able to be removed from IEP services sooner. Our staff continues to work with these children beyond the initial services to assure accommodations are in place for them to be successful. There were 35,000 children born in Iowa in 2014, and 2,800 had referrals to the AEAs for hearing services. Of this amount 120 children have received services directly from PLAEA. Thank you to the Hearing Department for taking the time to join us.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the following resignations:

- Valerie Jergens, Learning & Leadership Consultant, resignation effective at the end of the current contract year.
- Jencie Sheahan, Speech Language Pathologist, resignation effective May 29, 2015.
- Mike Anderson, Instructional Technology Consultant, resignation effective at the end of the current contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

The board was informed of the resignation of Rose Lloyd, Educational Paraprofessional at the Lakes Partnership School, effective June 5, 2015.

On a motion by Rick Morain, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the following contracts for 2015-2016:

- Kathryn Glesne, Speech Language Pathologist, Fort Dodge Region - Fort Dodge office, 193 days, MA15/step 1 paid on 3, \$49,333 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule), start August 10, 2015. (replacement);
- Joyce Godsen, Speech Language Pathologist, Fort Dodge Region, Fort Dodge office, 193 day contract, MA30/Step 6, \$53,049 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule), start August 10, 2015. (replacement);
- Cheryl Lyon, Behavior Strategist, Fort Dodge Region, Fort Dodge office, 193 day contract, MA30/step 8, \$54,958 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule). This is an internal transfer to fill an opening as a result of a resignation.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the following administrative contracts for 2015-2016:

- Ryan Flaherty, Regional Administrator, Fort Dodge Region, Fort Dodge Office, 230 day contract, \$100,000 base salary, \$7,500 salary in lieu of family health insurance.
- Teresa Alesch, Regional Administrator, North Region, Spencer Office, 230 day contract, \$100,000 base salary, \$7,500 salary in lieu of family health insurance.
- Kristin Ahrens, Regional Administrator, East Region, Algona Office, 230 day contract, \$100,000 base salary, \$7,500 salary in lieu of family health insurance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Change in Tech Support - MiFi Hotspots - The board tabled this item until the June 15th board meeting. Chief Administrator Herzberg will bring a proposal to the board at that time.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Reading Recovery Agreement with NW AEA for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$29,400. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Rick Morain, seconded by Steve Jimmerson, the board approved the Resolutions of Board of Directors of Prairie Lakes AEA. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the Termination of 28E Agreement by Iowa Area Education Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the Dissolution of Iowa Educators Consortium including the following: Assignment and Assumption, Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution, Articles of Dissolution of IEC, and the Notice of Dissolution agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Excellence:

- From Denise Wasko, Early Childhood Consultant with PLAEA, would like to recognize the Media department for their recent work on the Lakeside Lab event held on April 22nd. Jenifer Krischel, Kim Geisler, Ed Zimmerle, Patti Meyer and Laura DeWall. I can always count on the media department to do an extremely professional job with the end product. They are so willing to work with me in meeting timelines. What a joy to have efficient and effective team members that help me get RESULTS!!! I think it's time to have a "media appreciation day". Together we're better! YOU make a difference! Thank you!
- Margo Kitzrow, Speech Language Pathologist in our Storm Lake office, receives an honor. The Iowa Reading Association has chosen Margo as the Celebrate Literacy Award winner. She will be honored on Tuesday, June 23rd at a banquet during the state reading conference held in Ames. Margo was nominated by the Quint County Reading Council and selected at the state level. Congratulations Margo!
- Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg also recognized our Prairie Lakes board members for their dedicated service to our agency. A certificate of appreciation was presented to each board member to honor School Board Recognition Month. Please join us by saying "thanks" to our board members and recognizing their efforts throughout the year.

Upcoming Staff Presentation Schedules include:


- June 15, 2015 - Summer Reading Program

Upcoming Dates


- TICL Conference - June 15-17, BVU, Storm Lake

The June board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2015 - 4:00 pm, Storm Lake AEA, Storm Lake, Iowa.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary