

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
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 following board members were present: Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Janice Harbaugh, Todd Lundgren. Absent: Jeremy Riesenberg.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the agenda, including amendments, as presented by President Astor.

President Astor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved.

Staff presentations: Pam Stangeland, Regional Administrator from our Fort Dodge office, introduced herself and shared some highlights of her work with our districts, community partners and Prairie Lakes staff.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Pat Brown, 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 Sue Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the resignation/retirements of: Rachel Burns, Speech Language Pathologist, Storm Lake office, resignation effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year; Denise Gajewsky, Social Worker, Webster City office, retirement effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year; Becky Coffelt, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Webster City office, retirement effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, board approval was given to the resignation of Kevin Lein, Regional Administrator, Jefferson office, resignation effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year.

The Board was informed of the following new hire in the Non Bargaining group: Mark Shea, Postsecondary Readiness Lead, Storm Lake office, 200 days, \$66,000, 2018-2019 contract year. Start date August 16, 2018.

The Board was informed of the following new hire in the Classified group: Lisa Peterson, Early Access Service Coordinator, Pocahontas office, 35 days, based on 190 day contract, Grade B/Step 13, \$16.15 per hour. Start date May 1, 2018.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to Call the remaining Certificates of Participation on the Pocahontas facility. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, board approval was given to purchase a new 2017 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van from Webster City Auto Center. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the Prairie Lakes Educational Services Association's 2018-2019 contract settlement of 2.48%, \$42,652. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Janice Harbaugh, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the Prairie Lakes Employees Association's 2018-2019 contract settlement of 2.00%, \$263,301. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Non Bargaining group's 2018-2019 package settlement of 2.00%, \$38,769. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report

Recognition of Excellence:

- Recognition was given to Lori Porsch and Paul Tedesco, Co-hort leaders for the Iowa Principal Leadership Academy; Sue Brown and Pat Brown for attending the Governing Board's Conference.

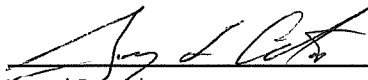
Board Member Development:

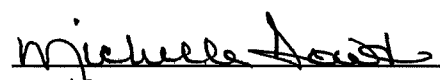
- The Board watched a portion of the Paper Tigers documentary Chief Herzberg recently attended the Trauma Sensitive Classroom Conference. It was a fantastic learning experience led by Jim Sporleder, who was the Principal at Lincoln High School in Walla Walla, Washington and their success at becoming a trauma informed/responsive school lead their students to great success and the making of the documentary.
- 2018-2019 Administrative Raises; President Gary Astor and Board Member Todd Lundgren will create a recommendation and bring back to the Board.
- What do Special Educators Need to Succeed? Chief Herzberg shared an article on special education containing strategies of what special education teachers need to be successful.

Upcoming dates: None at this time.

The May board meeting is scheduled for Monday May 21, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary