

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Rick Morain called the regular meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Sue Brown, and Dawn Crane. Absent: Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenberg.

Board approval was given to the agenda presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg with an addition to personnel and removal of action item number eight.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Gale Randall, Nicole Hinrichs and Tammy Berger from the Early Childhood Department presented information to the Board that featured the services provided to Birth to 3 year olds in Prairie Lakes AEA.

On a motion by Dawn Crane, seconded by Gary Astor, 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 Pat Brown, the board approved the following resignations in the licensed group:

- Molly Snyders, Special Education Teacher - Lakes Partnership School, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Rosemary Anderson, Speech Language Pathologist, Webster City Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Erin Olson, Instructional Technology Consultant, Storm Lake Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Megan Brood, Behavior Strategist, Algona Office, Resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Magnum Peterson, Behavior Strategist, Pocahontas Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Sheila Remington, Leadership & Learning Consultant, Storm Lake Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the following resignation in the administrative group:

- Wendy Parker, Director of Special Education, Agency wide, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Dawn Crane, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the following new hires in the licensed group:

- Shelbi Slack, Speech Language Pathologist, Storm Lake Office, 193 days, MA15/Step 2 paid on 3, \$51,602, start date August 15, 2016.
- Sara Westhoff, Speech Language Pathologist, Storm Lake Office, 193 days, MA30/Step 1 paid on 3, \$52,454, start date August 15, 2016.

- Karissa Walburg, Speech Language Pathologist, Storm Lake Office, 193 days, MA15/Step 2 paid on 3, \$51,602, start date August 15, 2016.
- Melissa Mulder, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, Estherville Office, 193 days, MA30/Step 1 paid on 3, \$52,454, start date August 15, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

The board was informed of the following new hire in the classified group:

- Chelsey Feauto, Educational Paraprofessional, Lakes Partnership School, 32 days remaining based on a 188 day contract, Grade B, Step 5, \$14.19, start April 18, 2016.

Agenda item #8 - Approval of Cooling System Storm Lake Office, was tabled until May's board meeting to allow for the third bid to be received from the vendor.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence:
 - Connie Johnson did a tremendous job of helping to lead the efforts by the communication directors to put on the Annual Conference. A big thank you to Connie and her team for making this a great learning experience by all.
 - Lesa Nauss and her team in Estherville did a fantastic job of moving the office during the last week of March to their new location. It was a bit stressful due to the impending timelines that were placed upon them but they all did a great job of just getting it done. Jim Hebert, Mike Schmidt, Brent Gerzema and Nic Schelle also were part of the team that was able to get this move done quickly and without any major issues. The office is fully functioning now with phones, internet and after a few more things get sorted, will be a well oiled machine.
- Board Member Development: Chief Administrator, Jeff Herzberg, provided additional information to the Board regarding the proposed additional \$5 million cut to the statewide AEA system for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Staff Presentation Schedule -
 - May 16th - Differentiated Accountability Team

Upcoming dates:

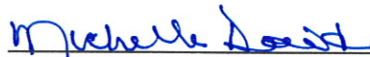
- Northwest Iowa Media Cooperative Governing Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, Lakes Conference Room at the Prairie Lakes Office in Storm Lake. Dinner at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting to follow.

The May board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas Office.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary