

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
Ida Grove, Iowa**

President Rick Morain called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 5:08 p.m. The following board members were present: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Sue Brown, and Dawn Crane. Absent: Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenber.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the agenda as 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 March 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, 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 Pat Brown, board approval was given to the resignation of Lesa Nauss, Regional Administrator, Estherville Office, effective June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the following resignations in the licensed group: Meredith Allen, Instructional Technology Consultant, Spencer office, effective April 10, 2017; and Deborah Boldt, Special Education Consultant, Jefferson office, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed of the following resignation in the classified group: Gary Richard, Educational Para Professional, Forest Ridge Shelter, effective May 31, 2017.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the following new hires in the administrative group:

- Chris Wells, Regional Administrator, Estherville/Algona offices, 230 day contract, \$98,000, start July 1, 2017.
- Pamela Stangeland, Regional Administrator, Fort Dodge office, 230 day contract, \$105,000, start July 1, 2017.
- Kevin Lein, Regional Administrator, Jefferson office, 230 day contract, \$105,000, start July 1, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the following new hires in the licensed group:

- Allyson Leners, Speech Language Pathologist, Fort Dodge office, 193 days, MA30/8, \$57,878, 2017-2018 contract year.
- Marian Riner, School Social Worker, Algona office, 193 days, MA/15, \$62,453, 2017-2018 contract year.
- Beth Borchardt, School Social Worker, Algona office, 193 days, MA/14, \$61,478, 2017-2018 contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the third reading of Board Policy 400 Series, Staff Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the second reading of Board Policy 500 Series, Student Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the second reading of Board Policy 600 Series, Educational Program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 700 Series, Auxiliary Services. Motion carried unanimously. On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board waved the second and third readings of Board Policy 700 Series, Auxiliary Services. Motion carried unanimously.


On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 800 Series, Business Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

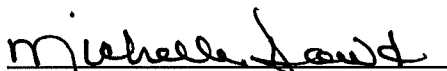
Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence: A big Thank You to the staff interview team of Kim Johnson, Jaymie Randel, Roni Engeldinger, Janie Eischen, Lynn Vaught, Mike Schmidt, Glenda Harms, Julie Saul, Jessica Hawkins and Tammy McKimney for helping with the Regional Administrator interviews. So appreciative of their time and thoughtful reflection on all seven candidates!
- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist March report. Board members shared their thoughts on the IASB Collective Bargaining workshop they attended on Thursday, April 13. The Chief Administrator Evaluation is due to take place in May. The evaluation document will be sent out the Board members and returned by May 1st. Rick Morain will meet with Chief Herzberg prior to the May 15 board meeting and then the evaluation will be discussed at the meeting.
- Advocacy: The TLC support money, approximately \$1 million dollars has been removed from the budget due to the shortfall in revenues. The two main effects of this loss to the AEA system are: PLAEA loses about \$40,000 in support for our coaching position. TLC trainings will almost double in cost, from approximately \$300 to \$600 per person, as this money was being used to lower the cost to districts.
- Upcoming dates: May 2nd Superintendent Meeting is 'Innovation Showcase', 12-3:00 p.m., Pocahontas, Iowa.

The May board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2017 - 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, the Board adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary

Public Hearing
Reorganization of Battle Creek-Ida Grove CSD and Odebolt-Arthur CSD
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
Ida Grove, Iowa

Following the regular board meeting, the Prairie Lakes AEA Board of Directors attended the Public Hearing regarding the proposed reorganization of Battle Creek-Ida Grove CSD and Odebolt-Arthur CSD. This was a joint meeting conducted by the Board of Directors of Northwest AEA and Prairie Lakes AEA. The meeting was held at the Battle Creek Ida Grove CSD, Ida Grove, Iowa and was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Acting as a Joint Board pursuant to Iowa Code Section 275.16, the Board of Directors of Northwest AEA and the Board of Directors of Prairie Lakes AEA reaffirmed a joint plan for reorganization which included a finding that a merger of the Battle Creek-Ida Grove CSD and the Odebolt-Arthur CSD was a potentially appropriate reorganization of those two school districts. The Joint Board determined that the Petition for the Reorganization of the Odebolt-Arthur CSD and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove CSD conforms to the joint plan for reorganization that had been previously approved and adopted by the Joint Board.

Minutes of the meeting can be acquired by contacting Gloria Miller, Board Secretary at Northwest AEA, 1382 4th Ave NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250.