

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Rick Morain 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: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, and Todd Lundgren. Absent: Jeremy Riesenber.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the agenda as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg with the addition of item eight.

Connie Johnson, Director of Marketing and Communication, shared the ways in which we communicate, both internally and externally, and the data generated from these efforts. Connie's handout with additional information and statistics can be found [here](#). Thanks for sharing this information Connie!

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the minutes of the July 18, 2016 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 Pat Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, board approval was given to accept the retirement of, and the early retirement benefit for, Bill Heileman, Supervisor of Print & Production, effective September 30, 2016. Thank you for your 17.5 years of service Bill!

The board was informed of the following resignation in the classified group: Maria Bradley, Communication Paraprofessional, Algona Office, effective June 30, 2016.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the following new hire in the licensed group: Shelley Conover, ECSE Teacher/Consultant, Storm Lake Office, 193 days, BA+15/10, \$54,179, start date August 15, 2016. (replacement)

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the Lakes Partnership School Student & Family Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Lakes Partnership School Staff Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

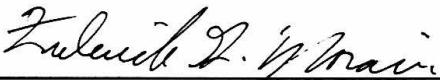
Chief Administrator's Report:

- **Recognition of Excellence:** Jaymie Randal and Becky Hacker-Kluver for all of their Instructional Coaching and Administrative Support throughout the course of the summer. All of our staff who have conducted summer learning opportunities for our district staff! Jim Hebert and Diane Krause for keeping our buildings clean, comfortable and safe for all of our inhabitants. New regional administrators, Jennifer Sammons and Linda Spencer, for participating in our summer retreat days, jumping right in to their new leadership roles and choosing to lead with us!
- **Board Member Development:** Brent Siegrist's July report.
- Chief Administrator Herzberg also shared information with the Board regarding the condition of the education in regards to the achievement levels and other statistics regarding special education students in Iowa.

- Chief Administrator Herzberg will be meeting with Linda Fandel on Thursday, August 25th to discuss 'computer science for all' and schedule a meeting with her and the Governor to talk about specific funding needs and connecting them with our Board and Superintendents.
- Chief Administrator Herzberg asked the Board for their input on identifying three 'basic truths' we wished everyone knew about the financial condition of our Agency. The Board created a list of items that we will flesh out and use in the upcoming legislative session in a continued effort to advocate for our AEA.
- Upcoming dates:
 - 2016 IASB Annual Convention November 18th and 19th - Des Moines, Iowa
 - AESA 31st Annual Conference November 30th - December 3rd - Savannah, Georgia

The September board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 - 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary