

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 17, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Humboldt, Iowa**

President Gary Astor called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:10 p.m. The following board members were present: Christina Allen, Sue Brown, Pat Brown, and Janice Harbaugh. Absent: Dawn Crane and Todd Lundgren.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the agenda, including an amendment, as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

President Astor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stood approved.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, board approval was given to the bills as presented by Michelle Dowd. Motion carried unanimously. The cash flow report was reviewed by Dowd.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the following non bargaining new hire: Adam Schwanz, School Technology Technician, Fort Dodge office, \$18,798.75, 125 days, (based on \$38,500, 256 day contract). Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Janice Harbaugh, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the Business Management Agreement Addendums with Ruthven-Ayrshire CSD and Graettinger-Terril CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report: Recognition of Excellence: Ed Zimmerle was recognized for his 27 years of service at Arrowhead and Prairie Lakes. We will miss Ed's professionalism and positive attitude of supports! Tabitha DeMey and Janie Eischen were recognized for their efforts to support the schools with the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) work. Board Member Development: Chief Herzberg shared information on two upcoming workshops: Teaching Tolerance, A Project from the Southern Poverty Law Center Jan 24-25 in Pocahontas; Sarah Brown Wessling (2010 National Teacher of the Year from Johnston) will be leading Teaching Transparently in Storm Lake March 25-26; The Gallup Survey has been completed and a preliminary scan of the data shows continued improvement; The AEA system is accepting applications for the role of Executive Director. The Chief Administrators will be reviewing the applications on January 25th and select semifinalists for the position. Interviews for the finalists will be held on February 20th. Advocacy: The Chief Administrators will lead efforts to create talking points with legislators about two main areas for the upcoming legislative session: Mental Health Supports, to make connections with the Children's Mental Health System Board recommendations and how the AEAs could support this work, and Future Ready Iowa, College and Career Readiness; The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met and revised their estimate for FY 2019 net General Fund Receipts (including transfers). They agreed to reduce the estimate by \$13.5 million compared to the estimates they made in October. With this revision, the FY 2019 general revenue amounts are estimated to be \$344.7 million (4.7 percent) above the FY 2018 amount. The REC also revised their estimate for FY 2020. The change resulted in a slightly lower estimate (down \$4.5 million from the October estimate) and represents an increase of \$139.8 million (1.8 percent) compared to the revised FY 2019 estimate.

Upcoming dates: Day On The Hill, February 5, 2019, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden and the Iowa State Capitol. The AEA system Superintendent event is on the 5th as well so this will be a great opportunity to connect with IASB, Legislators and local Superintendents. AEA Governing Boards Conference - March 28-29 in Des Moines. NW Iowa Cooperative Joint Board meeting, April 2, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, Storm Lake

The January board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2019 - 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 Janice Harbaugh, the Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary