

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, December 19, 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, Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenber. Absent: Dawn Crane.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Todd Lundgren, board approval was given to the agenda as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the 2015-2016 Annual Audit as presented by Murray Stanley of Schnurr & Co. LLP. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the November 16, 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 Jeremy Riesenber, board approval was given to the retirement of Pam Fritz, Parent Educator Coordinator, effective October 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to hire Karin Leveke, Behavior Strategist, Fort Dodge Office, 109 days, MA+15/12, \$34,180, start date January 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, the board approved the third reading of Board Policy 200 Series. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the second reading of Board Policy 300 Series. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the new copier lease agreement with Counsel. The lease terms include 10 Ricoh copiers on a 63 month lease at a cost of \$1,510.42 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, board approval was given to the Resolution of Support for the Promise of Iowa Education Campaign begun by Iowa Association of School Boards to focus attention on the future of Iowa public school students and rally citizen support for investments in public education. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:


- Recognition of Excellence: Rick Morain, PLAEA Board President, was honored at the Iowa Association of School Boards 71st Annual Convention with an individual Better Boardmanship Award of Achievement for 2015-2016.
- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist November report.

- Advocacy: Chief Herzberg met with Senator Kraayenbrink, along with superintendents from Fort Dodge CSD and Webster City CSD, and the AEA's lobbyists. Senator Kraayenbrink shared the following comments:
 - There is no money available. They have to cut \$100 million out of the budget and there may be a "de-appropriation" bill to reduce the commitments they made a year ago.
 - That "accountability" needs to be implemented everywhere. If people don't produce results with funding then we have to stop doing the same things.
 - Supports local control and that our local boards are in a better position to make decisions for schools than those in Des Moines.
 - Is very interested in ideas for economic development because even though the economy is growing at a respectable 4.2% we actually need 6 or 7% to meet all the spending commitments we have made.
 - Wants to communicate with educators throughout the session to help him understand the issues.
 - There will be something done with Chapter 20 rules (collective bargaining) but unsure what yet.
 - Legislators will set the Supplemental State Aid (SSA) very early in the session to comply with the law and make sure people understand that the problem before was the Democratic members of the Senate.
- Upcoming dates: IASB 'Day on the Hill' is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites & the Iowa State Capital, Des Moines.

The January board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2017, 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 Jeremy Riesenber, the Board adjourned at 5:07 p.m.


 Board President


 Board Secretary