

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017 - 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, and Todd Lundgren. Absent: Dawn Crane and 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.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the January 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, board approval was given to the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:10 p.m. the board conducted a public hearing on the 2017-18 proposed budget, as mandated by law and as previously announced. No comments were received from the public. On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the proposed budget of \$26,471,488 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Graber, Instructional Technology Consultant and Chair of the Tech Innovation Team, shared the ways in which she and her teammates provide services to our districts. The team analyzes the districts needs based on information gathered from the Clarity survey. They also consider what children need to be successful in life, post-secondary, and in the world of work. The ISTE Standards for Students guide their work. These standards are focused on when designing learning opportunities for our district's technology integrationists, coaches and coordinators. The team helps support our districts J-Terms, May-Terms and/or Midmesters, while also supporting districts in setting up Makerspaces in their schools. Thanks for sharing this information Julie!

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 Todd Lundgren, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the resignation of Ryan Flaherty, Regional Administrator, Fort Dodge Office, effective June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the resignation of Kathy Brenny, Leadership and Learning Consultant, Storm Lake office, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 400 Series. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the New Teacher Center Agreement. This agreement is to support the formulation of the mentoring and induction consortiums. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence: Anna Spears has been recognized by a co-worker for doing a fabulous job. Maria Weydert and Patty Harp have been recognized by their regional administrator for their outstanding work with the Passion Projects at our Youth Shelter Care facility.
- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist January report. Chief Herzberg shared an article with the Board in regards to the role the federal government plays in special education.
- Advocacy: Chief Herzberg spoke briefly about the importance for allocating resources for mental health services. He continues to encourage the Board and staff to remain active at the Saturday morning events and connecting with legislators.
- Upcoming dates: AEA Boards' of Directors Conference, March 30th-31st, Hilton Garden Inn, Johnston.

The March board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 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 Pat Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary