

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, January 18, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.  
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Rick Morain called the regular meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Todd Lundgren, and Jeremy Riesenberg. Gary Astor joined via zoom.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenberg, 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 Todd Lundgren, board approval was given to the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Linn, Leadership and Learning Consultant with Prairie Lakes AEA, presented information to the Board on Comprehensive Programs; School Counseling and Gifted and Talented. Gifted and Talented children are those identified as possessing outstanding abilities who are capable of high performance. These children require appropriate instruction and educational services commensurate with their abilities and needs beyond those provided by the regular school program. Specific funding is provided by the State to support a districts TAG program. In 2015-2016, Prairie Lakes provides support to districts with 2,556 K-12 TAG students. That's 8.5% based on total enrollment of 29,940 students in our AEA. The State average is 8.6%. A school counseling program is an articulated, sequential K-12 program that is comprehensive in scope, preventative in design, developmental in nature, driven by data, and integral to the school district's curricula and instructional program. The program must be implemented by a qualified professional school counselor, appropriately licensed by the BOEE. Ultimately the school counselor will support all students in becoming college, career and citizen ready.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue 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, the board approved the following resignations and participation in the early retirement program for the following staff:

- Denise Wasko, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Pocahontas Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Denise has provided 20 years of service to PLAEA.
- Jackie Loos, School Psychologist, Storm Lake Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Jackie has provided 31 years of service to PLAEA.
- Sandra Bonner, Special Education Consultant, Fort Dodge Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Sandy has provided 12 years of service to PLAEA.
- Pamela Jobgen, Special Education Consultant, Fort Dodge Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Pam has provided 16 years of service to PLAEA.

- Rich Feilmeier, Speech Language Pathologist, Storm Lake Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Rich has provided 33 years of service to PLAEA.
- Eileen Carroll, Special Education Teacher, Youth Shelter Care, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Eileen has provided 27 years of service to PLAEA.
- Randi Black, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Pocahontas Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Randi has provided 15 years of service to PLAEA.

The Board thanked the staff for all their years of service to Prairie Lakes AEA. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, the board approved that the KIDS program and its employee contracts be transferred to Upper Des Moines Opportunity effective July 1, 2016 as presented. The board heard comments from concerned staff members. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the Business Management Service agreement with Graettinger-Terril CSD as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence
  - Jaymie Randal for TLC work - all but 6 of our districts have approved plans and she is connecting with those that are left to make sure they have the support they need.
  - Becky Hacker-Kluver as NYCLA Principal Support/Coaching - this position is hired by the DE and she has been working with 10 principals this year in training and coaching at the district level.
- AEA Legislative Advocacy
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    - PLAEA Supt Legislative Retreat - Feb 3 (p.m.) and 4 (a.m.)
    - IASB's day on the Hill - Feb 8; registration
- Staff Presentation Schedule -
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> - Learning, Teaching, & Innovation Scott McLeod


Upcoming dates:

- Lakes Partnership School Family Night - February 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., 1900 Grand Avenue, Suite E1 (on the Iowa Lakes Community College campus) in Spencer.
- AEA Governing Board Conference - April 14-15, 2016, West Des Moines

The February board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas Office.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

  
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 Board President

  
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 Board Secretary