

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, January 16, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.  
Via Telephone Conference Call  
Fort Dodge, Iowa**

President Rick Morain called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:10 p.m. The board meeting was held via telephone conference call due to the weather conditions not being conducive for safe travel. The following board members were present: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, and Todd Lundgren. Absent: Jeremy Riesenberg.

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 Dawn Crane, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, 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, board approval was given to the following resignations: Carrie Calhoun, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Spencer office, effective January 20, 2017; and Kennan Highly, School Social Worker (Behavior Strategist-Behavior Programming Coordinator), Lakes Partnership School, effective May 24, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the third reading of Board Policy 300 Series. Motion carried unanimously.

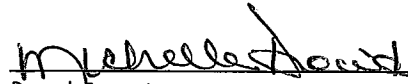
**Chief Administrator's Report:**

- Recognition of Excellence: Samantha Cagle and Sharon Richardson for the support they provided to Green County CSD.
- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist December report. Chief Administrator Herzberg reviewed the document entitled AEA Fund Balances - The Flaw of the June 30<sup>th</sup> Snapshot.
- Advocacy: Chief Administrator Herzberg reviewed the Governor's budget with the Board. The main points that affect the AEA include:
  - 2% Supplemental State Aid for the next two years
  - A state aid reduction of \$15 million for the AEA's. This amount is \$3.75 million below the \$18.75 million reduction made in FY2017. The Governor recommends maintaining the \$15 million reduction for FY2018.
  - Elimination of the \$1 million appropriation to the AEA system to help school districts implement the Iowa content standards.
- Upcoming dates: IASB 'Day on the Hill' is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites & the Iowa State Capital, Des Moines.

The February board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the Board adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary