

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 21, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.
Pocahontas, Iowa**

Vice-President Sue Brown 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: Christina Allen, Pat Brown, Dawn Crane, Janice Harbaugh, and Todd Lundgren. President Astor joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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

Vice President Brown asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stood approved.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the 2017-2018 Annual Audit as presented by Murray Stanley of Schnurr & Co. LLP. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presentation: Mark Shea, Post-Secondary Readiness Lead for Prairie Lakes AEA shared information about his work with our schools and our statewide AEA Postsecondary Readiness Equity Partnership (PREP).

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.

The Board was informed of the retirement of Sue Wedel, Communication Para, Spencer office, effective June 30, 2019. Wedel provided 12 years of service to PLAEA.

The Board was informed of the resignation of April Winston, Family and Education Partner, Spencer office, effective January 18, 2019.

Chief Administrator's Report: Recognition of Excellence: Kayti Pohlman, School Social Worker, was recognized for her wonderful presentation to all AEA employees at the January 4th regional meeting. Staff learned about vicarious trauma and how it might manifest itself in the staff we work with and ourselves. Board Member Development: Chief Herzberg shared information on the Children's' System State Board meeting, February 8th, will focus on next steps, including advocacy efforts; virtual reality equipment is being added to the Pocahontas office to show schools how it could benefit their learning; New Teacher Center Beginning Teacher Consortium is now serving 18 1st and 2nd year teachers in four districts (Gilmore City-Bradgate, Albert City-Truesdale, South Central Calhoun, and East Sac County). Expansion of the consortium to other districts, including NWAEA for next year, are being looked into. An informational meeting was held in Lake View this past week and four NWAEA districts attended. Advocacy: The 2019 legislative session has begun. Board members are encouraged to connect with your local legislators through email, phone calls, letters, or attending their Eggs and Issues type events throughout the session; 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, this will be a great opportunity to connect with IASB, Legislators and local Superintendents; Governor Reynolds State of the State address this past week, where she recommend 2.3% new money for education.

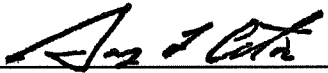
Upcoming dates: AEA Governing Boards Conference - March 28-29 in Des Moines. NW Iowa Cooperative Joint Board meeting, April 2, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, Storm Lake

The February board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6th Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

On a motion by Janice Harbaugh, seconded by Dawn Crane, the Board moved to go into closed session for a negotiation strategy session according to IA Code 20.17(3). By unanimous vote the board entered into closed session at 5:30 p.m.

At the end of the closed session, it was moved by Sue Brown, and seconded by Janice Harbaugh, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered into regular open session, all members present as previously noted, and there being no further business, the board adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary