

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Gary Astor called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:06 p.m. The following board members were present: Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Janice Harbaugh, Todd Lundgren. Absent: Jeremy Riesenber.

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

President Astor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved.

Staff presentations: The Prairie Lakes AEA Students with Significant Disabilities team members, Kris Taphorn, Gloria Bartelt and Tiffanie Zaugg, shared that Students with Significant Disabilities have multiple complex learning needs requiring extensive, repeated, individualized instruction and support. This team works with our AEA staff and LEA partners, to bring them the most current training and resources to help provide support to these students. Jennifer Sammons, Regional Administrator from our Storm Lake office, introduced herself and shared some highlights of her work with our districts, community partners and Prairie Lakes staff.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, 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 retirement of Janet Stremel, Special Education Consultant, Storm Lake office, retirement effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year. Janet has provided 12 years of service to PLAEA; Julie Saul, Special Education Consultant, Jefferson office, retirement effective April 1, 2018. Julie has provided 11 years of service to PLAEA; and Melissa Rucker, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Algona office, retirement effective at the end of the 2017-2018 contract year. Melissa has provided 37 years of service to PLAEA. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed of the following resignation in the classified group: Kelli Miller, Media Specialist I, Pocahontas office, resignation effective May 4, 2018.

On a motion by Dawn Crane, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, board approval was given to the PLAEA Staff Calendar for 2018-2019. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the Indemnification Agreement with Estherville Lincoln Central CSD and the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report

Board Member Development:

- Recognition was given to Michelle Conrad, Roni Engeldinger, Carole Klein and Coletta Jaeger.
- The Board is reading 'A Chance in the World' by Steve Pemberton and discussed Part Three of the book, The Journey Home.
- District Focus Groups: West Bend Mallard CSD and Fort Dodge CSD are finished. East Sac County CSD is being scheduled.
- The Board shared their thoughts from the work session with Doug Reeves.
- Chief Herzberg shared an article on 'Why Special Education Teachers Really Leave the Classroom.'

Upcoming dates: AEA Boards Conference, April 5-6, Hilton Garden Inn in Des Moines. NW IA Cooperative Joint Board meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m. PLAEA Storm Lake office, 824 Flindt Drive, Suite 105, Storm Lake, Iowa. ICCCL/ILCC Joint Board meeting, April 16th – TBD.

The April board meeting is scheduled for Monday April 16, 2018 – 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 Sue Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:47 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary