

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 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, Dawn Crane and Todd Lundgren. Absent: Jeremy Riesenber.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat 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 February 20, 2017 Regular 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 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Sue Brown, seconded by Gary Astor, board approval was given to the following resignations: Kandy Martin, Regional Administrator, Webster City/Jefferson Office, effective June 30, 2017, and Linda Linn, Leadership and Learning Consultant, Spencer office, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed of the following resignation in the classified group: Mindy Dooley, Educational Paraprofessional, Lakes Partnership School, effective April 1, 2017.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the 2017-2018 PLAEA Staff Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 500 Series, Student Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 600 Series, Educational Program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the second reading of Board Policy 400 Series, Staff Personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the Non Bargaining group receive a 2.01% package increase for the 2017-2018 contract year. Total cost \$36,980.70. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the Administrative group receive a 1.01% increase on their base salary and 1.0% increase on their insurance stipends for the 2017-2018 contract year. Total cost \$19,187.82. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the remodeling project at the Jefferson office. The cost to complete the rental space is estimated between \$21,000-\$25,000. Rental income is estimated at \$675.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence: A big Thank You to Kandy Martin and Linda Linn for their many years of service to PLAEA and also appreciation to Ryan Flaherty for his two years of service to PLAEA. Also, thank you to Dawn Higgins for her work on successfully acquiring the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant to purchase OT/PT equipment in the amount of \$12,320.
- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist February report. Chief Herzberg informed the Board that of the reorganization petition received from OA-BCIG. The Board will hold a joint board meeting with NWAEA on April 19th. Chief Herzberg informed the Board about a presentation that BVU professor Dr. Karin Strohmeyer shared with the Administrative team. She shared work that she has been doing in regard to teacher preparation and it was a great connection to our work. As a result of her time with us, we identified three areas in which we were going to address: Connectivity/Networking of our special education teachers; Consistency in delivery of our support for teachers in the field, and Connecting the information to our Superintendents and Principals so they can better support their teachers as well.
- Advocacy: Chief Herzberg continues to encourage the Board and staff to remain active at the Saturday morning events and connecting with legislators. Three topics of importance: Help legislators understand the importance of refilling the reserves over a two year time period, not one. The \$1 million TLC funding that the AEA system receives is important to continue so the AEA's can continue to support the districts in this work. The transportation bill may be dead for this session but it's important to continue to ask for this so transportation costs can be equalized between districts.
- Upcoming dates: AEA Boards' of Directors Conference, March 30th-31st, Hilton Garden Inn, Johnston. Joint Board meeting between Northwest AEA and Prairie Lakes AEA, April 19th, Ida Grove.

The April board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 5:00 p.m., Battle Creek Ida Grove CSD, 900 John Montgomery Drive, Ida Grove, Iowa. Odebolt-Arthur/Battle Creek Ida Grove Reorganization Hearing will follow at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, on a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the Board adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary