

Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, May 16, 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: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Dawn Crane, and Jeremy Riesenber. Absent: Sue Brown and Todd Lundgren.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Dawn Crane, board approval was given to the agenda as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, board approval was given to the minutes of the April 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and May 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Linn, Leadership and Learning Consultant, Jane Awtry, Leadership and Learning Consultant, and Jennifer Sammons, Academic Strategist representing the Differentiated Accountability Training Cadre for our Agency, presented information to the Board that featured the Differentiated Accountability process and the services provided to our districts in Prairie Lakes AEA.

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 Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Gary Astor, the board approved the following resignations in the licensed group:

- Catherine Kingery, Speech Language Pathologist, Jefferson Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Jane Awtry, Leadership & Learning Consultant, Spencer Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.
- Jennifer Sammons, Academic Strategist, Storm Lake Office, resignation effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the following new hires in the licensed group:

- Kristy Hughett, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Fort Dodge Office, 193 days, MA15/13, \$61,353, start date August 15, 2016.
- Gretchen Brown, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Fort Dodge Office, 193 days, MA/11, \$58,550, start date August 15, 2016.
- Deborah Boldt, Special Education Consultant, Fort Dodge Office, 193 days, MA15/9, \$57,452, start date August 15, 2016.
- Brianna Pille, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher/Consultant, Jefferson Office, 193 days, BA/3 paid on 3, \$47,613, start date August 15, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the following new hires in the administrative group:

- Linda Spencer, Regional Administrator, Storm Lake Office, 230 day contract, \$105,000; start July 1, 2016.
- Jennifer Sammons; Regional Administrator; Pocahontas Office; 230 day contract; \$88,000; start July 1, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the following:

- To amend the Regional Administrator's 2016-2017 salaries to include an additional \$5,000 for the extra duties being assigned with regards to the reduction of the Director positions. This includes Kandy Martin, Lesa Nauss, Kris Ahrens, Ryan Flaherty and Teresa Alesch.
- To amend Connie Johnson's 2016-2017 contract to include an additional 10 days at the daily per diem of \$342.60, for a total salary increase of \$3,425.99.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the replacement of the cooling system at the Storm Lake office be awarded to Interstate Mechanical Corp with the low bid of \$13,900. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the business management service agreements for both Ruthven-Ayrshire CSD and Graettinger-Terril CSD. The agreements run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Each contract is in the amount of \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, the board approved the school technology technician agreements with Gilmore City Bradgate CSD, in the amount of \$12,390 for 42 days of service, Saint Paul Lutheran School, in the amount of \$6,490 for 22 days of service, and Twin Rivers CSD, in the amount of \$24,780 for 84 days of service during the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Dawn Crane, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, the board approved the server support agreement with North Iowa Libraries Collaborating (NILC) virtual servers to support the Hosted Library Automation Software for their consortia. The agreement runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The contract is in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence:
 - Parent Educator Connection team and others who supported the Dr. Laura Riffel, event on April 21 and April 22. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event a success! Becca Bunnell, Mindy Miller, Deb Shelton, Pam Ahlrichs, Ryan Flaherty, Jacque Eisenbarth, Ed Zimmerle and Diane Krause.
 - Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg also recognized our Prairie Lakes board members for their dedicated service to our agency. A certificate of appreciation was presented to each board member to honor School Board Recognition Month. Please join us by saying "thanks" to our board members and recognizing their efforts throughout the year.
- Board Member Development: Chief Administrator, Jeff Herzberg, facilitated a conversation around equality versus equity and shared a recent tweet with the board.

Upcoming dates:

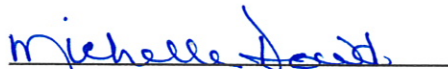
- 71st Annual IASB Convention, November 16-18, 2016.

The June board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Ida Grove Community Center, 403 3rd Street, Ida Grove, Iowa. Odebolt-Arthur/Battle Creek Ida Grove Reorganization Hearing will follow at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary