

Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015 · 4:00 pm
Storm Lake, IA

President Dean Saunders called the regular meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:00 pm. The following board members were present: Gary Astor(via phone), Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Steve Jimmerson, Todd Lundgren, Rick Morain, and Dean Saunders.

Board approval was given to the agenda presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the May 18, 2015, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Rick Morain, board approval was given to the bills as presented by Michelle Dowd. Motion carried unanimously. The cash flow report was reviewed by Michelle Dowd.

Lesa Nauss and Diane Jackson shared a brief update on the Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program began last year. Goal of the program is to maintain reading skills and prevent the summer slide. This summer's program is expanding to include 1st and 2nd grade. Districts volunteer to host the program. Reading strategies are practiced during the class time and students are able to take 10 books each home to practice their skills and share with family members. Pre and posttest are performed to determine results of the program. Results show 80% of the students maintained or improved their reading skills. Would like to expand the program to include Kindergarten, this would offer three full years to participants. Reading reminders are text out to parents weekly as a reminder to parents to be engaged and provide support to their children. PL staff will meet with the districts to discuss how things went and look for improvements for the upcoming year's program.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the following resignation:

- Randy Marks, School Psychologist, resignation effective at the end of the current contract year.

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Rick Morain, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the following contracts for 2015-2016:

- Claire Davis, Speech Language Pathologist, Fort Dodge Region, Fort Dodge office, 193 daycontract, MA15/step 1 paid on 3, \$49,333 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule), start August 17, 2015. (replacement)
- Meredith Allen, Instructional Technology Consultant, Agency Wide Region, Spencer office, 218 day contract, MA/step 10, \$61,609 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule), start August 17, 2015. (replacement)
- Shelley Donovan, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, Agency North Region, Spencer office, 193 day contract, MA/CI-8, \$76,588 (based on 2014-2015 salary schedule), start August 17, 2015. (replacement)

Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Rick Morain , seconded by Steve Jimmerson, the board approved the Tech Support Proposal for MiFi Hotspots. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the Business Management Service Agreement with Ruthven-Ayrshire CSD for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the School Technology Technician Agreements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year with Gilmore City-Bradgate CSD in the amount of \$13,000 for 50 days of service; Saint Paul Lutheran School in the amount of \$6,500 for 25 days of service; and Twin Rivers CSD in the amount of \$26,000 for 100 days of service. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Steve Jimmerson, the board approved the Server Support Agreement for the 2015-2016 fiscal year with North Iowa Libraries Collaborating in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Independent Contractor Agreement for Occupational Therapist Services for the 2015-2016 fiscal year with Jodi Ramsey. The agreement provides for 20 hours of OT services per week at \$55.00 an hour. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Steve Jimmerson, the board approved the Resolution to Authorize Payment of Fiscal Year 2015 End Year Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Steve Jimmerson, the board approved the Depository Resolution naming the following bank institutions; Well Fargo Bank of Iowa, \$6,500,000, First State Bank, \$3,000,000, and Two Rivers Bank, \$500,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the Property & Casualty Insurance renewal with EMC. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the Prairie Lakes Educational Services Association's 2015-2016 contract settlement of 3.38%, \$79,765. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Prairie Lakes Employees Association's 2015-2016 contract settlement of 3.30%, \$469,283. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Jimmerson, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved Administrative and Non-Bargaining 2015-2016 contract settlements in the amount of 3.0%. Non Bargaining package costs, \$56,593 and Administrative package costs, \$43,616. With reductions made in staffing in both groups for the upcoming 2015-2016 contract year, total costs for the Administrative group were reduced by \$199,921, or 9.52%; and total costs for the Non Bargaining group were reduced by \$125,343, or 6.06%. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Excellence:

"Congratulations" goes out to all PLAEA team members for a great year of service to the children, families and educators we serve. We are so proud of everyone who contributed to the success of our Agency!

Upcoming Dates

- 70th Annual IASB Convention & Trade Show - November 18-20, 2015

The July board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2015 - 4:00 pm, Iowa Lakes Room, Pocahontas, Iowa.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Dean Saunders

Board President

Michelle Dowd

Board Secretary