

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
West Des Moines, Iowa**

President Gary Astor called the regular board meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Janice Harbaugh, and Todd Lundgren. Absent: Pat Brown.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Dawn Crane, 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 October 15, 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 bills as presented by Michelle Dowd. Motion carried unanimously. The cash flow report was reviewed by Dowd.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, the board approved the resignation of Nicole Hoag, School Social Worker, Fort Dodge office, resignation effective November 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed of the retirement of Ed Zimmerle, Video Production Specialist, Pocahontas office, effective December 31, 2018. The Board thanked Ed for his 27 years of service to PLAEA.

The Board was informed of the following classified new hire: Shelby Partridge, Educational Paraprofessional, Lakes Partnership School, 132 days, Grade B, Step 4, \$15.41, start date November 5, 2018.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Todd Lundgren, the board approved the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation Full Grant Application request by the Hearing Department. Motion carried unanimously.


Chief Administrator's Report: Recognition of Excellence: Behavior Department, Jenn Peter, Kristy Liechti, Deb Gade, Connie Johnson, Carrie Guerin, Linda Ankeny, Mike Schmidt and Brent Gerzema for helping to lead the Trauma Responsive Schools Conference; Coletta Jaeger and Beth Borchart are being recognized for supporting a neighboring district, North Union, with students and staff coping with a student death; Tara Paul, superintendent of Estherville Lincoln Central School for providing a therapy puppy that Coletta was able to bring to the district; Linda Harms and Cheri Brown for adjusting their schedules to provide support to their districts, North Union and North Kossuth during this difficult time. Board Member Development: Chief Herzberg shared Best Trauma Ted Talk by Dr. Nadine Burke Harris ; Special Education Resource regarding greater teacher supports Important Role Principals Play in Special Education ; New Teacher Center Beginning Teacher Consortium - Four districts, with support from the AEA, have started an induction/mentoring support network for 1st and 2nd year teachers. Currently, 17 beginning teachers are being served by a coach who was hired from the South Central Calhoun school district and they are receiving 60-90 minutes a week of personalized coaching in their districts. The other districts involved are East Sac County, Albert City-Truesdale and Gilmore City-Bradgate. Advocacy: PLAEA is hosting elected legislators on Thursday, December 6th, 12:30 to 2:30, Pocahontas AEA. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 p.m.

Upcoming dates: PLAEA is hosting elected legislators on Thursday, December 6th, 12:30 to 2:30, Pocahontas AEA; NW Iowa Cooperative Joint Board meeting, April 2, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, Storm Lake.

The December board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018 - 4:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

There being no further business, on a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Janice Harbaugh, the Board adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary