

Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.  
Clive, IA

President Rick Morain called the regular meeting of the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Gary Astor, Sue Brown, Todd Lundgren, Jeremy Riesenbergs and Dawn Crane joined via Zoom. Absent: Pat Brown.

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

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Gary Astor, board approval was given to the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Personnel Matters:

- The Board was informed of the following resignation: Alma Rubio, Family Support Specialist, Estherville Office, resignation effective December 7, 2015. This position is a part of the KIDS Program and will not be replaced. This program is revenue neutral to the Agency.
- Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg reviewed the draft of the early retirement policy with the Board. The Board asked Chief Herzberg to make a few minor language changes and bring the policy back to them at the December board meeting.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Jeremy Riesenbergs, the board approved the School Technology Technician agreement with Schaller Crestland CSD as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenbergs, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the lease agreement with Webster City CSD for office space in Webster City as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Recognition of Excellence: Lakes Partnership School staff on their first Parent's Night event. The night was a huge success! Thank you for all your work in planning such a great evening for the students and their parents.
- Recognition of Excellence: All PLAEA staff for their efforts on driving less and using zoom more. Our miles driven from July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> are down 41,878 miles from last year during this same time period. That equates to a savings of \$13,214.27 in mileage costs. Our zoom usage during this same time period reflects a total of 657 meetings being held with 2,349 participants. Thank You to everyone for making a difference!

- Board Member Development
  - AEA Policy Maker Advocacy:
    - Chief Administrator Herzberg asked that Board members, and staff, write one handwritten note to your local legislator asking them to keep education at the forefront, thanking them for their service, wishing them a great 2016 legislative session, or any other issue you may want to mention.
  - Chief Administrator Herzberg shared information on the Top Trends in Special Education. <http://www.scilearn.com/blog/2015-special-education-trends>
  - Executive Director Report from Brent Siegrist was shared with the Board
  - Lakes Partnership School update was shared with the Board.
  - Book study - Creative Schools by Sir Ken Robinson - Chief Herzberg and the Board continued their conversation focused on Chapters 7 through 10.
- Staff Presentation Schedule -
  - TBD - Lakes Partnership School
  - December 21<sup>st</sup> - Teacher Leadership & Compensation
  - January 18<sup>th</sup> - Gifted & Talented and School Counseling
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> - Learning, Teaching, & Innovation Scott McLeod
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> - Early Childhood Special Education Team (Birth to 3)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> -Early Childhood Special Education Team (3 to 5 year)

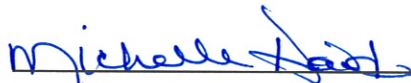
Upcoming dates:

- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual AESA Conference - December 2-5, 2015, New Orleans, LA
- AEA Governing Board Conference - April 14-15, 2016, West Des Moines

The December board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., Prairie Lakes AEA Storm Lake Office, 824 Flindt Drive, Suite 105, Storm Lake, Iowa.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
 Board President

  
 Board Secretary