

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.
Pocahontas, Iowa**

Vice-President Gary Astor 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: Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenber. Absent: Dawn Crane and Rick Morain.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, board approval was given to the agenda, including amendments, as presented by Chief Administrator Jeff Herzberg.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Sue Brown, board approval was given to the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presentation: Kris Ahrens, Regional Administrator out of our Webster City office, shared some highlights of her work with our districts and PLAEA staff. Julie Nadrchal, School Social Worker, Storm lake office, accompanied Ahrens and gave an overview of her work as a co-chair of the behavior department.

An additional presentation was made by Tom Lane, AEA Legislative Liaison at Statewide AEA System. Mr. Lane is a lifetime Iowan and Educator and has worked with the AEA Statewide System for five years. He has focused his work on building relationships with both the legislators and the Governor's office. Mr. Lane meets monthly with the Chief Administrators to discuss the priorities of the AEA's. Lane shared the following dates with the Board: November 7th Lane, and Matt Eide, lobbyist for the AEA system, will meet with PLAEA Superintendent's to plan for the upcoming 2018 legislative session. Lane and Eide will meet with Senator Tim Kraayenbrink, Appropriations (Vice Chair), Education, to discuss the needs of our local districts. November 13th Lane, Eide and the AEA Chief Administrators will meet with Senator Amy Sinclair, Education (Chair) to share their top priorities. December 12th Lane, Eide and the AEA Chief Administrators will meet with Governor Reynolds and Linda Fandel, The Governor's Special Assistant for Education. The focus of the conversation will be around College and Career Readiness and the role the AEA system plays.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue 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.

The Board was informed of the following resignation in the classified group: Madisen Schany, Educational Paraprofessional, Lakes Partnership School, resignation effective October 20, 2017.

The Board was informed of the following new hire in the classified group: Melissa Leer, Educational Paraprofessional, Lakes Partnership School, 134 day, Grade B, Step 13, \$16.36, start date November 7, 2017.

The Director District election results were reviewed. Patricia Brown, was re-elected Director of District #1, Sue Brown, was re-elected Director of District #2, and Dr. Gary Astor was re-elected to Director District #6. Director of District #5 will remain vacant until such time as a replacement is secured.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, the board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Michelle Dowd, Board Secretary, presided as temporary chair of the annual organizational meeting of the Board. The meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m. with those previously noted above as being present.

The oath of office was administered by Board Secretary, Michelle Dowd to the aforementioned re-elected board members.

Dowd called for nominations for the office of Board President. Sue Brown and Gary Astor were nominated for Board President.

A motion was made by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, to approve Gary Astor as Board President. Motion carried unanimously.

Dowd called for nominations for the office of Board Vice President.

A motion was made by Pat Brown, seconded by Jeremy Riesenber, to nominate Sue Brown as Vice President. Nominations cease and a unanimous vote was cast for Sue Brown as Board Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

The oath of office for Board President and Vice President was administered to Gary Astor and Sue Brown by Michelle Dowd, Board Secretary.

Gary Astor, Board President, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Sue Brown, the following board appointments were approved:

1. Board Secretary, Michelle Dowd
2. Board Treasurer, Michelle Dowd
3. Board Attorney for Labor Relations - Rick Engel
4. Board Attorney for General Operations - Rick Engel (and in the case of re-organization hearings if Rick is representing the district(s) Stu Cochrane)

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board made the following committee assignments and appointments:

1. Negotiation - License group - Jeremy Riesenber and Pat Brown
2. Negotiation - Classified group - Todd Lundgren and Sue Brown
3. Employee Relations Committee - Jeremy Riesenber
4. NW Iowa Coop Governing Council - Gary Astor and Pat Brown
5. Executive Committee of IA Association of AEA - Gary Astor and Sue Brown(alternate)

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Pat Brown, the board agreed to the regular board meetings being held the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Pocahontas AEA Office. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the Depository Resolution naming the following bank, Wells Fargo Bank of Fort Dodge, \$6,500,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jeremy Riesenber, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the second reading of Board Policy 602.4R, Rules and Regulations and Board Policy 602.4D, Computing Device Policy. Motion carried unanimously. On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board waved the third reading of Board Policy 602.4R, Rules and Regulations and Board Policy 602.4D, Computing Device Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrator's Report:

- Board Recognition: Joan Hansen, Social Worker, was recently recognized by a co-worker for her tireless work, both last year and this year, to build the bridge between student services and mental health for Storm Lake CSD; Jane Eischen, Leadership and Learning Consultant, was recognized by

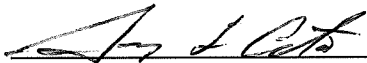
Greene County CSD for her work with their leadership team to provide literacy support; and Connie Johnson, Director of Marketing and Communication, was recognized by board member Sue Brown for the awesome job Connie did in preparing the presentation materials for her meeting with the Emmetsburg Board.

- Board Member Development: Brent Siegrist September report. Chief Herzberg shared the link to the AEA Learning Online site.
- Advocacy: Write a note to your local legislator about our AEA system goals. Names and addresses are attached. You could include anything about our work that tells the story of the AEAs. Priority #1: Provide equitable education opportunities for all Iowa students. Priority #2: Support educator learning. (TLC work)


Upcoming dates: IASB Annual Convention, November 15-17, 2017, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. AESA Annual Conference, November 30th - December 2nd, San Antonio, Texas. IASB Day on the Hill, January 30, 2018, Des Moines.

The November board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - 5:30 p.m. Fairfield Inn & Suites, 7225 Vista Drive, West Des Moines, Iowa.

There being no further business, on a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Jeremy Riesenbergh, the Board adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary