

**Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, September 18, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.  
Pocahontas, Iowa**

President Rick Morain 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: Gary Astor, Pat Brown, Sue Brown, Dawn Crane, Todd Lundgren and Jeremy Riesenbergl.

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

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Jeremy Riesenbergl, board approval was given to the minutes of the August 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, 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.

The Board was informed of the following new hire in the classified group: Andrea Bollenbaugh, Communication Paraprofessional, Webster City Office, 180 day, Grade C, Step 3, \$15.15, start date September 7, 2017.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Jeremy Riesenbergl, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 411.3, Acceptable Use of the Internet, and Board Policy 602.4, Acceptable Use of the Internet and Electronic Resources. Motion carried unanimously. On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board waved the second and third readings of Board Policy 411.3, Acceptable Use of the Internet, and Board Policy 602.4, Acceptable Use of the Internet and Electronic Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Gary Astor, seconded by Jeremy Riesenbergl, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 602.4R, Rules and Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Sue Brown, seconded by Pat Brown, the board approved the first reading of Board Policy 602.4D, Computing Device Policy, which included striking item #10. Chief Herzberg will look into insurance options and share additional information next month. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Todd Lundgren, seconded by Dawn Crane, the board approved the 2017-2018 28E agreement with Manson Northwest Webster CSD and Rabiner Treatment Center. The agreement is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and specifies that PLAEA will provide special education services for those students who are eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Pat Brown, seconded by Sue Brown, the board approved the 2017-2018 28E agreement First Amendment Iowa Online Professional Development System which renews the original agreement for three additional years effective July 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Lundgren volunteered to represent Prairie Lakes AEA as the agency's 2017 delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly at the IASB convention being held on November 15, 2017.

**Chief Administrator's Report:**

**Board Recognition:** Jaymie Randel was recognized by Greene County Community School District for her facilitation of the Tregoe process. **Board Member Development:** Brent Siegrist August report. Chief Herzberg shared the timeline for replacing retiring Brent Siegrist and Bob Vittengal at the statewide AEA level. Chief Herzberg also informed the Board of a learning opportunity on March 6<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Doug Reeves. Reeves will lead discussion during the PLAEA superintendents' meeting that begins at 9 a.m. at the PLAEA office in Pocahontas. That evening, Dr. Reeves will facilitate an additional work session from 6:30-8 p.m. for school leaders and board members. **Advocacy:** Chief Herzberg discussed the 'Choice 'IN' Schools vs. Choice 'OF' Schools' document that Kevin Lein, Regional Administrator, created for policy makers in South Dakota. The talking points were shared with Senator Kraayenbrink during a recent discussion of the voucher system with Chief Herzberg.


**Upcoming dates:** Employee Relations Task Force Meeting #2 - October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 to 3:30 in Pocahontas. Jeremy is our volunteer for this work. IASB Employee Relations Conference, October 17, 2017, The Meadows Conference Center, Altoona. IASB Annual Convention, November 15-17, 2017, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. IASB Day on the Hill, January 30, 2018, Des Moines.

The October board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 - 4:00 p.m. Prairie Lakes AEA, 500 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pocahontas, Iowa.

The Board took a tour of the newly renovated Black Hawk Conference room and the 'Sandbox' area in the Media center. The Black Hawk Conference room is a result of staff and districts requesting more meeting space in the Pocahontas area since this location is more central to all stakeholders. The Sandbox area provides space for collaboration of staff and district partners.

**Staff presentation:** Teresa Alesch, Regional Administrator out of our Spencer office, shared some highlights of her work with our districts and PLAEA staff.

There being no further business, on a motion by Jeremy Riesenberg, seconded by Pat Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary