



CENTRAL RIVERS AEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
April 1, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME VISITORS

Board Vice-President Maureen Hanson called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance at Central Rivers AEA were: Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson, Dr. George North, and Dr. Tony Reid. Absent were David Giese, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, and Dr. Debra Rich.

Also present were Sam Miller, Michael Kalvig, Lori Thomas, Beth Strike, Dr. Julie Davies, Amy Knupp, Karl Kurt, Dr. Jon McKenzie, and Bryan Knecht (technology support).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM REVIEW: HANOVER SURVEY

Sam Miller and Beth Strike shared the results of the survey regarding the services of Iowa's Area Education Agency system. The survey was conducted by Hanover Research, a global market research and analytics firm. The data was collected over a period in the late fall of 2018.

Central Rivers AEA had 1,229 respondents fill out the survey. Key findings for our agency revealed that educators are extremely pleased with AEA services overall in the areas of special education; educational services; and instructional media, creative services, and technology.

Two areas of growth indicated by the survey were behavioral help services and mental health services, which are growing concerns in schools statewide and issues that Central Rivers AEA has already begun addressing.

COMPUTER PURCHASES

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the recommended computer purchases, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously. Sam Miller recognized and thanked Bryan Knecht for his work on this project.

ACCEPT BID TO REPLACE MARSHALLTOWN POOL ROOF

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to accept the bid from Service Roofing Company to install a new roof system at the Marshalltown AEA office, seconded by Dennis Craun. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY 401.33 AND REGULATIONS

Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson made a motion to approve the new Board Policy 401.33 (Drug & Alcohol Testing Program) and Regulations 401.33R1, 401.33R2, and 401.33R3, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW & ACCEPT AUDIT REPORT

Dr. George North made a motion to accept the Audit Report as presented, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously. Sam Miller recognized Michael Kalvig and his team for all the time they put in with the auditors and for the good results of the audit report.

REPORTS TO/FROM BOARD

Beth Strike's Report

Beth reported that she is looking into the purchase of a new color printer/copier for Creative Services. This is something that will be brought to the board at a future meeting. She shared a video that her department created for Cedar Falls CSD. Beth gave credit to Tiffany Schmitt, Video Production Specialist, for all her work and creativity on this project.

Jon McKenzie's Report

Jon gave an update on the Iowa State Assessments testing, which begins next week.

Julie Davies' Report

Julie reported that she is hiring for the 2019-20 school year and starting staff evaluations for the end of this year.

Karl Kurt's Report

Karl shared an updated on the insurance plans and reported that the majority of staff are pleased with their insurance plan. He also reported on the upcoming summer projects.

Sam Miller's Report

Sam thanked the six board members who attended the state boards' conference in March. He reported that he will be holding agency updates for staff at each of our office locations next month. In May, Sam plans to bring the results of the Culture Audit to the board.

Dennis Craun's Report

Dennis recognized the people at the conference who held the virtual reality presentation.

Maureen Hanson's Report

Mareen shared her appreciation for the AEA legislative lobbyists who work so hard on our behalf.

Dr. Tony Reid's Report

Tony thanked the agency for the opportunity to attend the state boards' conference. He felt it was very beneficial to him as a new board member.

Dr. George North

George commented on the presentation at the state boards' conference by AEA Purchasing and that he was impressed with the tremendous savings the districts receive through the organization.

ADJOURN

Maureen Hanson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Bryan Burton and seconded by Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary



Maureen Hanson, Central Rivers AEA Board Vice-President



Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President