



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Call Board Meeting to Order – Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Bryan Burton, Maureen Hanson, and Dr. Tony Ried. Attending via Zoom were Kathy Enslin, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Dennis Craun Jr, joined the meeting in progress at 5:14 p.m. during agenda item #4, before the vote on the motion. Absent was Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson.

Also present were Sam Miller, Michael Kalvig, Karl Kurt, Lori Thomas; and attending via Zoom were Beth Strike, Amy Knupp, Jen Sigrist, Sarah Nelson, and Rod Ball. Visitors included staff members Pam Morrissey, Amy Starr, and Bryan Knecht; and Realtor Chris Fischesls and community member Nicole Lovik-Blaser.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Kathy Enslin. Motion carried unanimously.

Listing Agreement with Fischels Commercial and Residential Group

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the listing agreements with Fischels Commercial and Residential Group for both properties located on Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls, seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Review: Ed Services Vision

Jen Sigrist, Executive Director of Educational Services gave an update on services provided and shared that Ed Services consultants are providing expertise through a collaborative effort as a team in order to better serve districts.

Imagine Learning Purchase

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of Imagine Learning in the amount of \$37,260, seconded by Kathy Enslin. After discussion by the board, Bryan Burton made a motion to amend his original motion to include the purchase of additional licenses for a total cost up to \$42,510. The amended motion was seconded by Kathy Enslin and approved unanimously.

Central Rivers AEA is committed to ensuring equitable, efficient, and effective educational services that prepare all Iowa children for a life well-lived.



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Early Notification Incentive

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the Early Retirement Notification incentive for 2021-22, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

28E Agreement with Meskwaki Settlement School for 2021-22 PT Services

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Meskwaki Settlement School for 2021-22 PT Services, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

28E Agreement with Meskwaki Settlement School for 2021-22 OT Services

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Meskwaki Settlement School for 2021-22 OT Services, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

28E Agreement with Tri-County Head Start for 2021-22 Team Rep Services

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the 28E Agreement with Tri-County Head Start for 2021-22 Team Rep Services, seconded by Bryan Burton. After discussion by the board and clarification that the agreement is not for team rep services, Dr. Reid made a motion to amend his original motion to delete the term Team Rep Services. The amended motion was seconded by Bryan Burton and approved unanimously.

Certified Annual Report

Maureen Hanson made a motion to accept the Certified Annual Report, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports to/from Board:

Amy Knupp, Executive Director of Special Education

Amy shared that the new Achieve system is getting close to being ready and she reported that the annual count is coming up next month.

Beth Strike, Director of Creative Services/Communications

Beth relayed information on the Hanover Survey being sent to district educators and also invited the board to attend the Superintendents' Meeting on November 4.



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Karl Kurt, Assistant Chief Administrator/Director of HR

Karl shared that he checked in with staff new to the agency and received great feedback from them. He thanked Superintendents Dr. Ed Klamfoth and Michael Crozier for attending the Educator's Call to Action advocacy event in Washington DC with him last month.

Karl explained the new Reach Out program being introduced to staff this month. This is another resource to help support staff's mental health wellbeing. He gave a brief update on the Equity Audit and reported that the committee is reviewing the process.

Sam Miller, Chief Administrator

Sam invited the board members to virtually join the October Superintendents' Meeting to hear the keynote speaker. Sam also gave an update on the upcoming board election.

Dennis Craun, Jr

Denny thanked the board members for the plant sent to his family on the loss of his father-in-law.

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President

Deb reported that she was not able to attend the recent IA AEA Board meeting due to a prior obligation. On behalf of the entire board, Deb relayed their condolences to Dennis Craun's family on the loss of their family member.

Adjourn

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Mary Stevens and seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori A. Thomas

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

Debra Rich 11/3/21

Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President