



## CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - 5:00 PM

### **Call Board Meeting to Order – Welcome Visitors**

Board Secretary Lori Thomas administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Debra Rich prior to the start of the meeting.

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Bryan Burton and attending via Zoom were Kathy Enslin, Maureen Hanson, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, Dr. Tony Reid, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Absent were Dennis Craun and Dr. Darshini Jayawardena.

Also present was Lori Thomas, and attending via Zoom were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, Michael Kalvig, Beth Strike, Jen Sigrist and Sarah Nelson. Staff members attending via Zoom were Jody Albertson, Brena Huber, Bryan Knecht, and Pam Morrissey.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Rich, on behalf of the board, accepted Mike Lonning's retirement with regret and appreciation for his years of service.

### **Program Review: SDI Update**

Regional Administrators Jody Albertson and Brena Huber gave an update on Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) to the board. Dr. Deb Rich, on behalf of the board, thanked both Jody and Brena and their teams for their work.

### **2022-2023 CRAEA Office Calendar**

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the Central Rivers AEA office calendar for 2022-2023, seconded by Kathy Enslin. Motion carried unanimously.



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### **Cedar Falls Conference Center AV Upgrade**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the Cedar Falls Conference Center AV upgrade as recommended for a total cost of up to \$68,112.10, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion carried unanimously. Sarah Nelson extended her appreciation to Bryan Knecht and the IT team for their work on this project.

### **Board Policy 401.34**

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to waive the second reading and approve Board Policy 401.34 and its accompanying regulations, seconded by Bryan Burton. After discussion by the board, Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to amend her original motion to include that should a stay be applied to the current OSHA ETS, the agency will suspend Board Policy 401.34 and its accompanying regulations immediately until the stay is removed and/or a Supreme Court ruling is issued. The amended motion was seconded by Bryan Burton.

The amended motion (waive the second reading and approve Board Policy 401.34 and its accompanying regulations, and should a stay be applied to the current OSHA ETS, the agency will suspend Board Policy 401.34 immediately until the stay is removed and/or a Supreme Court ruling is issued) carried unanimously.

### **Reports to/from Board:**

#### **Beth Strike, Director of Creative Services/Communications**

#### **Jen Sigrist, Executive Director of Educational Services**

Beth and Jen gave an update on the new Learning Management System (LMS) and will provide a more in-depth report at an upcoming board meeting.

#### **Michael Kalvig, Chief Financial Officer**

Michael met with the Audit Committee today and announced that a budget hearing will be held during the February board meeting.

#### **Karl Kurt, Assistant Chief Administrator/Director of HR**

Karl shared that he served as the interim superintendent at Jesup temporarily until the district was able to hire. He also gave a brief update on the Equity Audit.

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**Sam Miller, Chief Administrator**

Sam reported that the closing for the Cedar Falls building will be this week. He reminded the board that there will be an exempt session of the board in February.

**Maureen Hanson**

Maureen expressed her gratitude to the agency for their care and consideration of staff in regards to Board Policy 401.34.

**Dr. Debra Rich**

Deb reported that the agency auditors contacted her and everything seems to be in order. She expressed her appreciation to Michael Kalvig and his team for their hard work.

**Adjourn**

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion by Kathy Enslin, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori A. Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

*Debra Rich*      2-2-22

Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President