



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - 4:45 PM

Foundation Meeting

Call Foundation Meeting to Order

Foundation President Rod Ball called the Central Rivers AEA Foundation Meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Board members attending via Zoom were Bryan Burton, Kathy Enslin, Maureen Hanson, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, Dr. Tony Reid, Dr. Debra Rich, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Absent was Dennis Craun. Also present were Lori Thomas and River Hills Assistant Principal Kelsey Baker and attending via Zoom were Sam Miller, Michael Kalvig, and Karl Kurt.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Debra Rich made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Financial Report & Updates

Michael Kalvig shared the financial report with the board. Rod Ball and Kelsey Baker gave an update on improvements that are needed at River Hills, including the need to renovate the swimming pool.

Adjourn

Rod Ball declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m. on a motion by Bryan Burton, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting

Call Board Meeting to Order – Welcome Visitors

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

Also attending via Zoom were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, Michael Kalvig, Beth Strike, Amy Knupp, and Jen Sigrist. Attending in person was Lori Thomas. Visitors included staff members Pam Morrissey and Cari Teske.

Approval of Agenda

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

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Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Kathy Enslin. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Budget for 2022-23

Board President Dr. Debra Rich opened the public hearing at 5:05 p.m. There were no members of the public in attendance and no written or oral comments or objections to the proposed 2022-23 budget were filed with the board secretary prior to the hearing. Dr. Rich asked for comments and/or objections from those present and hearing none, she declared the hearing closed at 5:06 p.m. on a motion by Kathy Enslin, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Budget for FY 2022-23 and Amended Budget for FY 2021-22

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY 2022-23 and the amended budget for FY 2021-22 as published, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Review: Learning Management System

Beth Strike and Jen Sigrist gave an overview of the new Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS has been launched internally and will be rolled out to the districts in the fall. The new system will provide on-demand learning that is both flexible and personalized for the user, as well as the opportunity to earn micro-credentials. Jen applauded the Creative Services team for their wonderful work in creating the videos for the LMS..

Rescind Board Policy 401.34

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to rescind Board Policy 401.34 and its accompanying regulations, effective immediately, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports to/from Board:

Cari Teske, Director of Media

Cari gave an update to the board regarding available Media materials for students.. She shared that the Media department follows Central Rivers AEA's board policies for the selection of materials, specifically citing policies 801.1R1 and 801.1R2. Sam Miller thanked both Cari and Jen Sigrist for ensuring the agency is adhering to board policy in regards to materials for students. Jen applauded Cari for her work in this area.

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Jen Sigrist, Executive Director of Educational Services

Jen shared with the board that the agency is holding a Future Ready Day on March 2 in conjunction with the Superintendents' Meeting.

Beth Strike, Director of Creative Services/Communications

Beth gave a brief update on the statewide print system.

Amy Knupp, Executive Director of Special Education

Amy shared a brief update on the new Achieve system.

Sam Miller, Chief Administrator

Sam gave an update on the repairs to the Clear Lake office and shared that Dr. Ann Lebo from the Iowa Dept. of Education will be speaking at the March 3 Superintendents Meeting. Sam also gave a brief legislative update and spoke on ways the agency plans to support wellbeing for staff.

Dr. Tony Reid

Tony shared that Jen Sigrist will be speaking on Future Ready at his Kiwanis Club meeting on Feb. 23.

Dr. Debra Rich

Deb reported on the visit she made to the Wapsie Valley School Board meeting. She also shared that the Iowa AEA board met and she thanked Sam Miller for helping to oversee the Iowa AEA system this year. Deb requested the board to consider holding the June board meeting on June 8.

Adjourn

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Mary Stevens, seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into an Exempt Session per Iowa Code 20.17 (3) and 21.9 at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori A. Thomas

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

Debra Rich 3-2-22

Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President

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