



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Work Session 3:30 PM
Board Meeting 5:00 PM

Call Work Session to Order - Welcome Visitors

Board Vice-President Maureen Hanson called the work session to order at 3:31 pm. Board members present were Bryan Burton, Kathy Enslin, Nicole Lovik-Blaser (attending electronically), Dr. Tony Reid, Dr. Debra Rich (attending electronically), and Dr. Mary Stevens (attending electronically). Absent were Dennis Craun and Dr. Darshini Jayawardena.

Also present were Chief Administrator Sam Miller, Board Secretary Lori Thomas, and INspired Leadership Coaches Tamara Lindholm and Kelly Turcott of ESSDACK. Visitors included staff member Dr. Leslie Moore.

INspired Leadership Work with Tamara Lindholm

Tamara Lindholm led the board in professional development around INspired Leadership.

Close Work Session

Board Vice-President Maureen Hanson declared the work session closed at 4:52 pm.

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Call Board Meeting to Order - Welcome Visitors

Board Vice-President Maureen Hanson called the regular board meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Board members present were Bryan Burton, Kathy Enslin, Nicole Lovik-Blaser (attending electronically), Dr. Tony Reid, and Dr. Mary Stevens (attending electronically). Dennis Craun joined electronically at 5:40 pm. Absent were Dr. Darshini Jayawardena and Dr. Debra Rich.

Also present were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, Michael Kalvig, and Lori Thomas. Attending electronically were Amy Knupp, Jen Sigrist, and Beth Strike. Visitors included staff members Rod Ball, Pam Morrissey, Gina Weekly, and Reporter Maria Kuiper from the WCF Courier.

Approval of Agenda

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

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Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Program Review: DEI Update

Gina Weekley, Coordinator of DEI gave an update to the board on equity. Bryan Burton thanked Gina for her work in this area.

Approval of Purchase from Heartland Business

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of Meraki MR Enterprise Licenses from Heartland Business in the amount of \$29,003.42, seconded by Kathy Enslin. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Purchase from Ramsey Education

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of site licenses from Ramsey Education in the amount of \$35,307.68, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Teen Mental Health Training

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of teen mental health training from the National Council for Mental Well-Being in the amount of \$52,800, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Imagine Learning Purchase

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the purchase of Imagine Learning in the amount of \$47,250.00, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Wage Increase for Educational Assistants & Substitutes

Kathy Enslin made a motion to approve the wage increase for educational assistants and substitutes, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Dennis Craun joined the meeting electronically at 5:40 pm, during this agenda item and voted on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Vehicle Purchase for River Hills School

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica for the River Hills School using the Iowa Department of Administrative Services government bid price in the amount of \$38,393, seconded by Nicole Lovik-Blaser. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint a Delegate and Alternate to the IASB Delegate Assembly

Bryan Burton made a motion to appoint Dr. Mary Stevens as the delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly, seconded by Kathy Enslin. After discussion, Bryan Burton amended his original motion and moved to appoint Dr. Mary Stevens as the delegate and Bryan Burton as the alternate. The amended motion was seconded by Kathy Enslin. The amended motion carried unanimously.

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Reports to/from Board:

Jen Sigrist

Jen shared that she is putting together data for the districts in a visual format that can be used statewide.

Beth Strike

Beth gave an overview of the upcoming annual cycle visits to districts.

Amy Knupp

Amy reported on the Achieve system and informed the board of an additional special education visit to districts as part of the annual cycle visits.

Karl Kurt

Karl shared that a behavior intervention summit is being held at the end of this month and he thanked the board for their support of both DEI and leadership coaching.

Sam Miller

Sam updated the board on the Marshalltown office parking renovations and the DE Accreditation visit coming up in October. He reminded the board of the IASB and AESA annual conferences being held in November.

Adjournment

Board Vice-President Maureen Hanson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. on a motion by Kathy Enslin, seconded by Bryan Burton.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary



Maureen Hanson, Board Vice-President