



## CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

### **Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA Wednesday, November 2, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

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

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

Also attending electronically were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, Michael Kalvig, Jen Sigrist, Beth Strike, Sarah Nelson, and Lori Thomas (in person). Visitors included Justin Daggett, Superintendent of Manson Northwest Webster Schools and staff member Pam Morrissey.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

#### **Program Review: Cybersecurity**

Sarah Nelson, Director of IT/Special Programs gave an update regarding cybersecurity. Sarah recognized HR and the business office staff for being on top of phishing attempts. Bryan Burton thanked Sarah for her diligent work in this area.

#### **Approval of District Transportation Routes**

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the current district transportation routes in effect for 2022-23, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

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

##### **Jen Sigrist**

Jen gave an update on virtual learning for the districts and reported that she has received positive feedback from district staff.

**Beth Strike**

Beth congratulated Sam Miller on his nomination for Superintendent of the Year and shared that he was recognized by SAI for this honor. Beth reported that she is working with the Waterloo School District helping facilitate their work around dress code.

**Michael Kalvig**

Michael reported that the auditors are here this week performing the agency audit and he also shared that he is assisting GMG's new school business official.

**Karl Kurt**

Karl gave an update on the Equity Committee work and shared that Gina Weekley, Coordinator of DEI will be presenting during the Superintendents' meeting this week.

**Sam Miller**

Sam relayed that he and the leadership team are conducting the annual cycle visits and these are going well. He is receiving positive feedback from districts on the work agency staff are doing in the schools. He is also meeting one-on-one with each superintendent. Sam thanked the board for their board visits with the school districts

**Dr. Debra Rich**

Deb reported that she plans to attend the Iowa AEA Executive Board meeting being held in conjunction with the IASB conference. Deb reminded the board of upcoming board meetings as the search for a new chief administrator moves forward and expressed her appreciation to the board members for the extra time needed..

**Adjournment**

Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Mary Stevens, seconded by Bryan Burton.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori A. Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

*Dr. Debra Rich*      12-7-22

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President