



## CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

### Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Board members attending electronically were Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Kathy Enslin at 5:07 pm, Maureen Hanson, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, Dr. Tony Reid, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Absent was Dr. Darshini Jayawardena.

Also attending electronically were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, Michael Kalvig, Jen Sigrist, Beth Strike, Sarah Nelson, Kay Schmalen, and Lori Thomas (in person). Visitors included Joel Pedersen, incoming chief administrator and staff members Bryan Knecht and Pam Morrissey.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Nicole Lovik-Blaser. Kathy Enslin joined the meeting before the vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Debra Rich acknowledged the announced retirements of Dr. Beverly Plagge and Gus Delamore, two long-tenured staff members. Dr. Rich, on behalf of the agency and the board, accepted both retirements with regret.

#### **Approval of Boardroom Project**

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the proposed quotes from Black Hawk Electrical Co, Kidder Construction Inc, and Embark for purchases to renovate the Cedar Falls Conference Center Boardroom, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. After board discussion, Dr. Mary Stevens amended her original motion to also include accepting Package Two with the add-ons for the technology proposal from Embark, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid.

After continued board discussion, Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to modify the amended motion to approve the quote from Kidder Construction Inc for \$58,650 plus costs for additional outlets as determined; approve the quote from Embark with Package Two and the add-ons; and approve the quote from Blackhawk Electrical Co for the amount of \$30,750 to include the purchase of four additional floor boxes, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. The modified, amended motion carried unanimously.

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

**Reports to/from Board:**

**Jen Sigrist**

Jen gave an update regarding Educational Services Consultants, sharing that they meet monthly to learn together and discuss districts' needs.

**Michael Kalvig**

Michael reported that he will be bringing the Certified Budget to the board for approval in February.

**Sam Miller**

Sam shared that Dr. Ann Lebo from the Iowa Department of Education will be presenting at the January Superintendents' Meeting being held January 5.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a motion by Bryan Burton, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori A. Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

*Debra Rich, Ed.D. 2-1-23*

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President