

**CENTRAL RIVERS AEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA 50613**  
**April 11, 2018 – 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME VISITORS**

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. Board members present were: Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Jr., David Giese, Maureen Hanson, Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson, and Dr. George North. Richard Vande Kieft attended via Zoom. Absent was Dr. Darshini Jayawardena. Also present were Sam Miller, Karl Kurt, David Nicholson, Lori Thomas, Amy Knupp, Dr. Julie Davies, Beth Strike, Dr. Jon McKenzie, and Bryan Knecht. Visitors included Sarah Brown and Kelsey Baker.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by David Giese and seconded by Bryan Burton to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson and seconded by Dr. George North to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM REVIEW: AEA REORGANIZATION**

Chief Administrator Sam Miller gave the board an update on the reorganization of Iowa's AEA's. The directives from the Iowa Legislature are to reduce the number of AEA's from nine to seven and to ensure a parity of student enrollment.

**AMENDED FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 7, 2018, board meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Bryan Burton and seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

**COPIER/PRINTER PURCHASE**

A motion was made by Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson and seconded by Maureen Hanson to approve the recommended purchase of a copier/printer. Motion carried unanimously.

**MYSTERY SCIENCE PURCHASE**

A motion was made by Bryan Burton and seconded by Dr. George North to approve the recommended purchase of Mystery Science. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT SERVICES**

A motion was made by Dr. George North and seconded by Bryan Burton to approve CliftonLarsonAllen as the Auditing Firm as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**EQUIPMENT REPAIR CHARGES**

A motion was made by David Giese and seconded by Dennis Craun, Jr. to approve the recommended equipment repair charges. Motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD POLICY 405.2**

A motion was made by David Giese and seconded by Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson to waive the second reading of policy 405.2 (Vacation Leave). Motion carried unanimously. David Giese made a motion to approve the recommended changes to policy 405.2 on the first reading, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS TO BOARD**

### **Beth Strike's Report**

Beth showed the new Iowa AEA's PSA video and photos of the new artwork in the Marshalltown office. Beth gave credit to Graphic Artist Kris Colwell for the artwork and thanked Gus Delamore for its installation.

### **Dr. Julie Davies' Report**

Julie gave an update on FastBridge and assessments for student behavior, sharing that the agency is setting the model for the state in this area. She reported that the Student Technology Conference will be held this month and more than 200 students are expected to attend. Board Member Maureen Hanson thanked Julie for all of her work.

### **Dr. Jon McKenzie's Report**

Jon shared information on the Next Generation assessments.

### **Amy Knupp's Report**

Amy shared information on the pilot program for the emotional & social health of students that is being implemented in Marshalltown CSD.

### **Dr. Debra Rich's Report**

Deb shared that she attended the state meeting at the Iowa AEAs Boards Conference earlier this month.

### **Dennis Craun's Report**

Dennis shared that he attended the Iowa AEAs Boards Conference and felt that the presentations should also be shared with other stakeholders to help them understand the work of the AEAs.

### **David Giese's Report**

David shared that he attended the Iowa AEAs Boards Conference and felt that this was one of the best conferences to date. He reported that he would like to see the information from the conference shared with Legislators to help them hear all of the initiatives the AEAs' are putting into place.

### **Sam Miller's Report**

Sam shared that the agency is holding a retirement celebration for staff on May 23 during the All-Regional meeting. He reported that this is the first time the celebration is being held as one celebration rather than three, as it has been done in the past. Sam shared he is holding the first Superintendents' Retreat later this month. Sam reported that Miller Roskamp and Dr. Janet Stutz were both awarded the "Friend of the AEA" award at the Boards' Conference and he thanked staff member, Mike Lonning for the wonderful speech he delivered in honor of Miller.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:40 P.M. by President Dr. Debra Rich on a motion by David Giese and seconded by Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

*Debra Rich*

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Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President