

CENTRAL RIVERS AEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
909 South 12th Street – Marshalltown, Iowa
November 1, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME VISITORS

Board President, Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Board members present were: Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Jr., David Giese, Maureen Hanson, and Dr. George North. Board members attending via Zoom were: Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson, and Richard Vande Kieft. Others present were: Sam Miller, Lori Thomas, Karl Kurt, David Nicholson, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Attending via Zoom were: Beth Strike, Dr. Julie Davies, Dr. Jerry Schnabel, and Dr. Jon McKenzie. Dr. Rich welcomed one visitor, Sarah Brown to the meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dennis Craun, Jr and seconded by Maureen Hanson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO DR. JAYAWARDENA

Lori Thomas, Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, Director District 4.

PROGRAM REVIEW: NEW DIGITAL EVALUATION TOOL

Karl Kurt, Asst. Chief Administrator shared information on the new digital evaluation tool that will be used for the Chief Administrator. This new tool will better streamline the evaluation process, while providing confidential feedback to the Board President. Leadership Standards will be used as the criteria with the Chief providing artifacts for how the standards and goals were met.

ADD FARMERS STATE BANK AS AN AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORY BANK WITH A LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED \$675,000.000

Farmers State Bank was authorized as a depository bank with a limit not to exceed \$675,000.00 on a motion by Maureen Hanson and seconded by Dr. George North. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVESTING \$668,556.00 IN A SIX-MONTH CD WITH FARMERS STATE BANK

The Board approved investing \$668,556.00 in a six-month CD that will run from November 3, 2017 through May 3, 2018, at a rate of 1.71% with Farmers State Bank on a motion by Dr. George North and seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING & APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES 403.6, 403.9, & 405.11

Board Policies 403.6, 403.9, and 405.11 were approved on a motion by Maureen Hanson and seconded by David Giese. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY 203.1

The first reading of proposed change to Board Policy 203.1 was approved on a motion by Dr. George North and seconded by David Giese. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT BUS ROUTES

The bus routes for the districts that entered their routes were approved on a motion by Maureen Hanson and seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Dr. Jon McKenzie's Report

Jon reported that the statewide assessment is on hold and the Desk Audit is almost completed.

Dr. Julie Davies' Report

Julie shared information on the FastBridge screener for math that was shared with the area superintendents. She informed the Board that the Tech Conference is being held in February 2018.

Beth Strike's Report

Beth reported that the statewide AEA system is planning a Public Service Announcement. She complimented Karl Kurt and the Climate & Culture Committee for their creative ways of providing some fun activities for agency staff.

Dr. Jerry Schnabel's Report

Jerry requested feedback on the Media Center that is now located in the Marshalltown office and the comments were overwhelmingly positive from the Board.

Dr. Mary Stevens' Report

Mary reported that count week is coming up and the results will be shared with the Board in December. She also shared that MTSS is moving forward and the AEA will be providing workshops for the LEAs.

Karl Kurt's Report

Karl shared that the agency is now in a position to fill a couple of new positions, one of which is for a RA assistant for the Waterloo district.

Sam Miller's Report

Sam shared that the statewide AEA system will be advertising for an AEA Executive Leader due to Brent Siegrist's retirement and that there will be three new AEA Chiefs in the next school year, also due to planned retirements.

Dr. Debra Rich's Report

Deb shared that she will be presenting at the IASB conference this month.

Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson's Report

Roberta asked for suggestions for the Board members who are attending district Board meetings as to having a more substantial role during the visits. Beth Strike suggested using actual student success stories in order for the district's Board to see firsthand what AEA services are providing to help ensure student success.

Dr. George North's Report

Dr. North shared that he attended a district Board meeting and was very pleased to see that schools are utilizing agency services much more often.

ADJOURN

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by President Dr. Debra Rich on a motion by David Giese and seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori A. Thomas

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President