



**CENTRAL RIVERS AEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, IA 50613**  
**May 1, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER – WELCOME VISITORS**

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those in attendance at Central Rivers AEA were: Dennis Craun, Maureen Hanson, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena via Zoom, Roberta Kraft-Abrahamson via Zoom, Dr. George North, and Dr. Tony Reid. Absent were Bryan Burton and David Giese.

Also present were Sam Miller, Michael Kalvig, Lori Thomas, Amy Knupp, Karl Kurt, and Dr. Jon McKenzie.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. George North made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROGRAM REVIEW: CULTURE AUDIT**

Sam Miller shared the results of the Culture Audit conducted by the agency. The results will also be shared with all staff via the staff newsletter.

**COLOR PRINTER PURCHASE**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the recommended color printer purchase, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion carried unanimously. Dennis Craun shared with the board that he visited with Creative Services and was impressed at how much the new printer will benefit the agency's print services to districts.

**COMMITMENT OF ADDITIONAL AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE PAYMENT OF LEASE PURCHASE DEBT**

Dr. George North made a motion to approve the commitment of an additional \$229,810 for the early pay-off of the lease purchase debt, seconded by Dennis Craun. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CD RENEWAL**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the investment of \$1,054,002 in a CD with Farmers State Bank at a 12 month term, paying 2.71% interest, seconded by Dr. George North. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS TO/FROM BOARD**

### **Jon McKenzie's Report**

Jon gave an update on schools that are on a comprehensive list and those on a targeted list.

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

Amy reported on the legislative action passed regarding youth mental health training. Central Rivers AEA will have seven trainers available to help train educators and assist districts with meeting the requirements of the new law.

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

Sam recognized Amy for her work as chair of the statewide work team on the youth mental health training. Sam reported that Central Rivers AEA is making a significant impact on this work in the state and Amy is doing a great job.

May is school board recognition month and Sam thanked the board members for their service and for giving of their time to lead the agency. Sam also recognized the board for their leadership on the culture audit and bringing ESSDACK trainers in to work with staff.

Sam also reported on the following items:

- The youth mental health training will be a six-hour training for all educators in each district.
- The SAVE fund was approved by the legislature.
- Districts are beginning to set up consortiums for the sharing of social workers to work with students with mental health needs and challenging behaviors. Sam recognized Rod Ball's leadership in facilitating the consortiums.
- Next fall, conversations will be taking place around therapy rooms for students with intensive needs.

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

Deb congratulated Sam on the publication of his latest book *Confrontation Management*.

**ADJOURN**

Dr. Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Tony Reid and seconded by Maureen Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

*Debra Rich 6-5-19*

Dr. Debra Rich, Central Rivers AEA Board President