

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at CESA #4 in West Salem, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Ken French, Jane Halverson, Dennis Havlik, Julie Meyers, Peggy Pasker, Jo Ressie, Dave Smikrud, and Jim Wright.

Absent: Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud and Wayde Pollock

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ken French moved to approve the agenda as distributed. David Smikrud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Jane Halverson moved to approve the meeting minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting. Ken French seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Ken French moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of October. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Contract

Jane Halverson moved approval of the part-time contract for Victoria O'Dell to provide a limited number of days of school psychologist services to the Cochrane-Fountain City School District. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agency Administrator's Report to the Board

Board Opportunities

- Legislative Advocacy (WASB) on November 7 in Stevens Point
- WiSRA Conference—November 11 and 12 in Stevens Point
- WASB State Convention—January 18-22 in Milwaukee
- CESA Communication Project

CESA #4 Activities

- Common theme for activities and programs during October was community collaboration and engagement.
- CESA 4 is hosting a presentation on instructional practices in mathematics by Cathy Fosnot on November 9.
- Kevin Miller from DPI will be presenting information on course options at the next Professional Advisory Council meeting for superintendents.
- Planning for Washburn 2016 activities is underway.

- Operational projects included discussions on the replacement of network battery backup systems, maintenance of building exterior, and energy efficient lighting replacement options.
- District visits were made by Cheryl Gullicksrud to Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan, Black River Falls, and Bangor.

CESA 4 School District Updates

- Student athletes in several CESA 4 schools qualified for state-level competitions in fall sports activities.

Legislative Notes

- A hearing has been scheduled on November 18 to discuss amending current law and eliminate revenue limit exemptions for energy efficiency projects.
- Senate bill 355 has been introduced restricting referenda questions to general elections and imposing a two-year waiting period before a failed referenda can be brought back for another vote.

Ken French moved to approve the Agency Administrator’s report. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of 2015-16 Projected Program Budgets

Julie Meyers moved to approve the 2015-16 CESA #4 Program Budgets as presented. Ken French seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

- Thank you to Cochrane-Fountain City for hosting the WASB Regional meeting.
- Chairman David Amundson has been selected as the School Board Member of the Year by the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance and will be honored at the WiRSA conference later this month.
- Board decided to continue the tradition of taking up a collection to donate to a charity in one of the local board members’ districts. The collection will be done at the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Wednesday evening, December 2, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Drugan’s, rural Holmen.

Ken French moved to adjourn. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Gullicksrud