

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Drugan's in rural Holmen, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Ken French, Dennis Havlik, Julie Meyers, Jo Ressie, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Dave Smikrud, Jim Wright.

Absent: Jane Halverson and Peggy Pasker

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud and Wayde Pollock

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ken French moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

READING AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ken French moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Contract

Jo Ressie moved approval of the long-term substitute contract for Mary Binegar to provide occupational therapy services during Nicole Kuecker's maternity leave. David Smikrud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Recommended Pricing for 2016-2017

Ken French moved to approve no increase (0%) in pricing for 2016-2017. The daily rate and administrative fees will remain the same as 2015-2016. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Follow-up from WiRSA Conference

The annual Wisconsin Rural Schools' Alliance conference was held in Stevens Point in November. It was an excellent conference with a variety of speakers and presenters on topics of special interest to rural school districts including: school advocacy using social media tools, successful community engagement practices, whole-grade sharing, multi-district insurance cooperatives, and teacher retention. Board Chairman David Amundson was also recognized at the conference as the Rural Board of Education Member of the Year.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Board Opportunities

- WASB State Convention—January 18-22 in Milwaukee
- CESA Board of Control Appreciation Breakfast—Wednesday, January 20

CESA #4 Activities

- December 8 PAC meeting will include presentation by Robert Butler, WASB, on federal and state requirements related to payroll issues.
- Washburn 2016 planning continues.
- Participation in the Youth Apprenticeship program is increasing. Employers and school personnel working with the Youth Apprenticeship Program met at CESA 4 during November to discuss program goals and practices.
- An inspection of the exterior of the CESA 4 building found no structural issues needing immediate attention.
- During the last month Administrator Gullicksrud visited the Cashton, DeSoto, Royall, Viroqua, and Westby school districts.

CESA 4 School District Updates

- Bangor: WIAA State Championship: Bangor Cardinal Football Team
- Cashton: WiRSA "Rural Board of Education Member of the Year" – David Amundson
- DeSoto: WiRSA "Rural Teacher of the Year" – Ron Von Glahn, Ag Education
- Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau: DPI "Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Award" for their Food Court (garden to school project)
- La Crosse: Wisconsin Art Education Association "Outstanding Art Educator – Supervision/Administration Division – Steve Michaels
- Onalaska: Wisconsin Art Education Association "Outstanding Art Educator – Elementary Division – Jeanne Arenz
- Sparta: DPI "Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Award" for their Ecovim Digester Project
- Tomah: Wisconsin Health and Physical Education "Middle School Teacher of the Year Award" – Kyra Neumann

Legislative Notes

- Congress is making significant progress in finalizing the reauthorization of ESEA.
- Topics under discussion in the state legislature include: school referenda rules, school policies for transgender students, school crime reporting, energy efficiency projects, financial literacy requirements, internet posting of school district reports, and school start date rules.

Future Agenda Items

- January – Audit report from Johnson Block
- February – Approval of bids for repair/replacement of air conditioning equipment

Ken French moved to approve the Agency Administrator's report. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

The dedication program for the recently completed building project at Cashton Schools will be held on Monday, December 14. The event will include tours of the new facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Ken French moved to adjourn. Jo Ressie seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday evening, January 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Westview Inn in West Salem.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gullicksrud

