

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Castle Hill Supper Club, N9581 US-12, Merrilan, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Board Members Present: David Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Dawn Comeau, Larry Cyrus, Jane Halverson, Aaron Nemece, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright.

Excused: Julie Meyers

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud, Wayde Pollock, and Michelle Kotek

PUBLIC INPUT - none

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Sarah Staff moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JUNE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Jane Halverson moved to approve the organizational meeting minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE AND JULY

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of June and July. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESIGNATIONS

Sarah Staff moved to approve resignations of Anika Paaren-Sdano effective June 10, 2019 and Emily Nelson resigned effective July 15, 2019. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS

Dawn Comeau moved to approve personnel contracts for:

- Jennifer Fink, 162 day, English as a Second Language Teacher for West Salem and Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau (new position)
- Kalli Rasmussen, part-time program assistant (replacing Emily Nelson)

Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF AMENDED POLICY #4501 USE OF AGENCY VEHICLES

Discussion on suggested additions to policy language

FIRST READING OF AMENDED POLICY #4502 PERSONAL VEHICLE USE

Discussion on suggested additions to policy language

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

- WASB Regional Meeting – Tuesday evening, October 22 at Black River Falls High School. Register through the WASB. Cost is \$29.
- A visit has been made to the offices of each of the three new CESA #4 superintendents to welcome them to the CESA #4 region and to review their district's contract with the agency for 2019-2020. Three current superintendents have volunteered to serve as mentors: Dr. Kehl Arnson – Viroqua for Meaghan Gustafson, La Farge; Dr. Kris Mueller – Holmen for Michele Butler, Cochrane-Fountain City; and Troy Gunderson – West Salem for Todd Antony – Onalaska.
- Shelly Severson, Black River Falls Superintendent, has been elected to a three-year term on the WASDA Board of Directors as CESA 4's representative. CESA #4 is well represented this year as Cindy Zahrt, Tomah's Superintendent, will serve as President of the WASDA Board.
- The air conditioning system has been running at 50% since June. Proposals for both repair of the other half of the unit and replacement of the entire system have been submitted to the insurance company for review. A claim has also been submitted for the repairs done to get the system partially up and running. As of today, a final determination of our claim has not been received.
- There are two large events that will be occurring in August: Leading for Learning (formerly WOW), 91 participants Day 1, 117 Day 2; and the Para Summit, 130 participants. These events have been relocated off site as a result of not having adequate air conditioning. Leading for Learning will be held at the Upper Lodge – First Free Church in Onalaska, and the Para Summit will be held at West Salem Elementary School.
- Beginning this year, the fiscal agent responsibilities for the DPI WISElearn project will be completed by CESA #4. The intergovernmental agreement was previously contracted with CESA #5, but since the project's statewide coordinator, Kaye Henrickson is a CESA #4 employee, DPI has determined CESA #4 should also be their direct point of contact for management of all project funds -- \$381,216.
- The transition to the new Skyward accounting program, Qmlative, will occur the third week of August.
- Funds to continue the Rural School Teach Talent Grant program were included in the recently approved state budget. This program provides stipends to undergraduate students, completing practicum or student teaching assignments in rural schools. Viterbo, UW-La Crosse, and Winona State University are all participating in the program again this year, and 36 student teachers assigned to CESA #4 schools are signed up for Fall semester.
- Additional highlights from the 2019-21 biennial budget include:
 - Revenue Limit and State General Aid
 - *revenue limit per-member increase - \$175 this year and \$179 next year
 - *low-revenue ceiling adjustment - \$9, 700 this year, \$10,000 next year
 - *equalization aid increase – 1.8% this year, 3.5% next year
 - Categorical State Aids
 - *per pupil aid increase - \$88 this year and next
 - *new aid program, Act 9 – details to be announced
 - *reimbursement rate for aidable special education expenditures increase – up from just under 25% to slightly under 26% this year, 30% next year
 - *reimbursement for expanding social worker services in schools
 - *community/school mental health collaborative grant funds increased

- *high-cost transportation aid increase
- *school library aid increase
- *elimination of Personal Electronic Computing Devices Grant

Sarah Staff approved the Agency Administrator's Report. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2nd readings of policies

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Halverson moved to adjourn. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. at CESA #4 in West Salem.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gullicksrud