

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Westview Inn, 174 South Leonard Street, West Salem, Wisconsin. Vice-Chairman Kevin Bauman called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

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

Excused: Dave Amundson

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud and Michelle Kotek

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Jane Halverson moved to approve the meeting agenda with the removal of item 8.a) Approval of Personnel Contract. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - none

PRESENTATION: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Laura Veglahn, School Improvement Services Director

Laura discussed how CESA #4 can assist districts with aligning high quality instructional materials to the state standards. With many schools facing high staff turnover, student poverty and tight budgets, it can be difficult for districts to adopt new curriculum materials. CESA #4 was aware of how publisher visits had traditionally been conducted, where vendors would arrive with materials and lead the presentation from start to finish. It's important that educators are empowered to ask the necessary questions so the curriculum adopted better serves teacher and student needs.

READING AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Dawn Comeau moved to approve the meeting minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Julie Meyers moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of September. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE SALE OF VEHICLES

Jane Halverson approved sale of 2015 Ford Taurus and 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

- WASB Regional Meeting – Tuesday, October 22. Black River Falls High School. Registration is required through WASB. Cost is \$29.

- Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA) Conference – October 28-29. Glacier Canyon Lodge Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Program information and registration is online through the WiRSA website.
- Two Westby Area School District staff members spent this past summer raising funds to support the “Book Fairy” reading program. Through their efforts, each student in 4K through 4th grade will receive a new book each month during the upcoming school year to take home and keep.
- On September 11 over 200 CESA employees from across the state participated in the third annual “CESA University.” By popular demand, Tim Kight returned for a second year to continue his presentation on improving customer service outcomes.
- The agenda for the monthly superintendents’ meeting (PAC meeting) has changed this year to include an open discussion and sharing time at the beginning of the meeting, rather than at the end. Discussion topics are being generated through a Google document prior to the meeting. Topics requested for September’s meeting included new teacher inservice activities, onboarding non-teaching staff, delinquent lunch account policies, Fund 80 uses, CBD policies, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, sportsmanship behavior – adults at games, 504 plans, transgender locker room use, and staff use of text messaging with parents.
- The Senate and Assembly Education Committees will hold a rare joint public hearing this Thursday, October 3, on several bills initiated as a result of the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations. The hearing will be held at the State Capital.

Julie Meyers approved the Agency Administrator’s Report. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bring information on policy development services/pricing

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Staff moved to adjourn. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7 p.m at CESA #4.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gullicksrud