

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at CESA #4, 923 East Garland Street, West Salem, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: David Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Dawn Comeau, Larry Cyrus, Jane Halverson, Julie Meyers, Gerald Roethel, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright.

Excused: Aaron Nemec and Mary Jo Rozmenoski

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud, Wayde Pollock and Michelle Kotek

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Sarah Staff moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - none

PRESENTATION: UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING

Erin Hansen, Special Education Coordinator

Universal Design for Learning is a framework that guides the design of instructional goals, assessments, methods, and materials to optimize learning for all students. The UDL Guidelines are a tool used to implement Universal Design for Learning in the educational environment by offering a set of concrete suggestions that can be applied to any academic area to ensure that meaningful, challenging learning opportunities are accessible to all learners. The goal is to remove barriers within the classroom for all learners and to give them access to the necessary framework:

- The why of learning (engage them)
- The what of learning (representation)
- The how of learning (action and expression)

Erin can customize district specific training and offers coaching for individual groups or teachers.

READING AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Dawn Comeau moved to approve the meeting minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Jane Halverson moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of October. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY SERVICES AND SUPPORT DISCUSSION

Cheryl reviewed information regarding Neola and WASB Board Policy support options that would be available to contract for. Cheryl distributed the information she collected from each vendor and discussed the similarities and differences of each in providing policy support services.

APPROVAL OF AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

- 2020 WASB-WASDA-WASBO State Education Conference “Expanding Your Vision” – January 22-24 in Milwaukee. Early-bird registration is available until December 15.
- CESA Board of Control Appreciation Breakfast – Wednesday, January 22, State Education Convention, 8:30 a.m. at the Milwaukee Hilton --Wright Room AB.
- Thank you to Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Superintendent Shelly Severson, and the staff and students at Black River Falls for providing a wonderful evening of new experiences at the WASB Regional Meeting on October 22. The student participation and the food made for an enjoyable evening that will be long remembered
- The Hot Topics for the October Superintendents’ PAC meeting included discussions on active shooter drills, support staff compensation on snow days, start date for 2020-21, compensation for National Boards certification, process for communicating with union representatives, Junior Achievement program, strategies for attracting/retaining bus drivers, and archiving of school and district social media, Facebook pages.
- CESA 4 hosted a Special Education Public Forum on October 16. This forum provided individuals with an opportunity to share suggestions for improvements and concerns with DPI staff about PreK-12 special education services.
- The CESA 4 audit is being conducted this week.
- The first recipient of our “Service Above and Beyond Award” is Carole Anderson. Carole is our agency’s inhouse graphic artist. She creates and manages our website, produces our staff directory and monthly newsletter, and develops a wide variety of documents to promote CESA activities and events. Carole has been a CESA 4 employee for 44 years and truly exemplifies what it means to provide service above and beyond.
- On November 15-16, the Rural Education Research and Implementation Center (RERIC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will hold the third annual Teacher Speakout!—an event that provides an opportunity for classroom teachers to connect with university faculty, researchers, and college students to share ideas and experiences. This year the Teacher Speakout! focus is on STEM educational practices in rural schools.
- The WiRSA (Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance) annual Fall Conference was held the end of October. The theme of this year’s conference was “Diversity in Rural Schools.” In an ongoing effort to provide support and resources to member schools, WiRSA hosted an Educator Job Fair as part of conference activities. School of Educations from throughout the state were contacted and asked to inform current student teachers about the Job Fair. Conference registration fees were waived for these students to attend the Conference and visit the Job Fair. Fourteen school districts and 10 students participated.

Jane Halverson approved the Agency Administrator’s Report. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2019-2020 Budget
- 2020-2021 Pricing for Agency Services
- Discuss and Approve Policy Services Support Vendor

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Staff moved to adjourn. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7 p.m. Drugans in rural Holmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gullicksrud