

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at CESA #4, 923 East Garland Street, West Salem, Wisconsin.

Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call of members present: David Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Dawn Comeau, Larry Cyrus, Jane Halverson, Julie Meyers, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright.

Absent: Aaron Nemecek

Also present: Dr. Kehl Arnson, Amanda Langrehr, Wayde Pollock, and Michelle Kotek

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Jane Halverson moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: REGIONAL CAREER PATHWAYS – AMANDA LANGREHR, CAREER AND EXPLORATION PLANNING DIRECTOR

Career Readiness is incorporated into all classes that students take. CESA #4 can assist as being the connector between the high schools and the employers in the area.

What does Career Readiness look like in CESA #4?

- Career Based Learning (informational interviews, job shadow experiences and youth apprenticeship opportunities)
- Work Based Learning (113 youth apprenticeships in 2019-20 and is expected to be a larger number in our region for 2020-21)
- Industry Recognized Credentials (257 credentials earned in 2019-20. Districts received reimbursement for those credentials at \$215,103)
- Dual Enrollment Opportunities (offering over 45 transcribed credit options between Western Technical College and Chippewa Valley Technical College)
- Career Technical Education/Career Regional Pathway – offering over 9 pathways in the 16 career clusters (Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Architecture & Construction, Business Management & Administration, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Manufacturing, STEM, Transportation and Logistics)
- Two Regional Career Pathways include Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare: Direct Patient Care
- Xello is an online program that helps students create their own, unique roadmap for college, career, and future success. Students can develop their own personalized pathway through self-knowledge, exploration, and planning.

- Inspire 7 Rivers initiative aims to help students and job seekers achieve their career goals by facilitating career exploration with real professionals and employers. The initiative addresses the community's workforce development needs by providing employers with a multitude of ways to interact and connect with their future workforce from a young age. The initiative provides online company profiles, virtual career coaches and career-based learning activities for high school students and educators.

READING AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Julie Meyers moved to approve the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes as distributed. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Julie Meyers moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of February. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resignation

Jane Halverson moved to approve the resignation of Sara Wessel, Occupational Therapy Assistant effective June 30, 2021. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approve CESA #10 Environmental Services Contract for 2021-2022

Jane Halverson moved to approve the CESA #10 contract for \$87,184.00 to cover the environmental services for the twenty school districts/buildings included in the contract. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Program Speaker for Annual Meeting

John Ashley, WASB Executive Director, has confirmed that he will be the featured presenter on June 2nd for the CESA #4 Annual Meeting.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- CESA #4 2021-22 services catalog has been sent out electronically to all twenty-six of the school superintendents this week. I will go over the services at the superintendents' meeting next Tuesday morning.
- Air conditioning update
- Facilitated the Trempealeau Valley Cooperative joint school board meeting on February 10th (Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall)
- Character Strong/Character Lives initiative awarded nineteen \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in the class of 2021 (Alma, ACHM, Bangor, Blair-Taylor, Cashton, CFC, De Soto, GET, Hillsboro, Holmen, La Crosse Central/Logan/Seven Rivers, Mel-Min, Onalaska, Sparta, Tomah, West Salem and Westby)
- CESA Statewide Network in collaboration working with DPI on proposals that will become more regionalized (i.e., Early Childhood programming).

- CESA Statewide Network is also collaborating to support one portion of the ESSER funding that is designated for private school expenditure. CESA #6 is equipped to coordinate the communication and funding allocation with our private schools. Each CESA will be focused on the communication, support and collaboration with our private schools.
- Our districts will receive substantial funding support with limited restrictions for use. The primary objective for the funding is for the Recovery of the Loss of Learning due to the pandemic and measures to improve this area. We will continue to work with districts to support them as they make fiscal decisions. CESA #4 training and support are definitely allowable and proper use of ESSER funds.
- Districts throughout the state are working with local health agencies to register and schedule teachers for vaccinations. Districts in CESA #4 report varying status for the process of vaccination.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the report. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Halverson moved to adjourn. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Westview Inn, West Salem.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kotek