

## **COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4**

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the CESA #4 Office, 923 East Garland Street, West Salem, Wisconsin.

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

Board Members Present: David Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Larry Cyrus, Julie Meyers, Aaron Nemec, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff, and Jim Wright.

Board Members Present Via Zoom Connection: Jane Halverson

Excused: Dawn Comeau

Also present: Dr. Kehl Arnson, Tracy Herlitzke, Wayde Pollock, and Michelle Kotek

Dr. Kehl Arnson thanked the Board members in recognition of School Board Week (October 4-10<sup>th</sup>) Thank you for your time commitment to your local school district, students and communities. We appreciate you balancing your time with careers, families and other responsibilities.

WASB Regional Meeting Update from October 6th: Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Regional 6 Director.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Sarah Staff moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

Julie Meyers moved to approve the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes as distributed. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **APPROVE THE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

Julie Meyers moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of September. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **CARES ACT PRESENTATION**

Tracy Herlitzke, Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Director, presented an overview of the Wisconsin Center for Resilient Schools. CESA #4 received \$3.4 million over a 2 year span from ESSER/CARES Act Funds from the Department of Public Instruction. One of the goals of the initiative is to provide school-based mental health and trauma-sensitive social emotional learning training to the school districts across Wisconsin. One statewide project coordinator and eight regional coaches have been hired (you will be approving those contracts at tonight's meeting) to

facilitate the training for schools. In light of the current pandemic – the coaching will be done in a virtual setting. The goal is to create lasting change in schools and districts across the state to build adults’ capacity to support students’ mental health and skill development.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CONTRACTS**

Sarah Staff moved to approve the following personnel contracts:

- Erin Hilleshiem, part-time school social worker
- Future Cain, Statewide Project Coordinator, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Wendy Ellis, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Ann Fimreite, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Jodi Hubbard, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Brian Incitti, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Katharine Reid, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Stacey Starke, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Amy Tranel, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach
- Rachel Pufall, Regional Coach, WI Center for Resilient Schools Regional Coach

Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

- After the departure of our previous School Social worker, we had a change in district commitment. We currently have three districts contracted (Bangor, La Farge, and Wonewoc-Union Center) for a total of 144 days. This allowed us to offer a part-time position that is benefits eligible. We do have room to add days to the position (moving to full-time) if there are districts who are interested in adding a social worker to their team.
- State Superintendent’s Conference held last week. My observation is that attendance was lower than the past few years. However, Anthony Muhammad was a terrific key note speaker. My feedback for the conference was that the lack of options (only one track for participation) limited interest usually associated with a variety of learning options.
- Board Docs – Our Board Docs are complete and posted online for the Board, Staff, Districts and the public to access.
- Our lawnmower broke down a couple of weeks ago. The transmission seized and being 8 years old we decided it was time to invest in a new lawnmower. We shopped our options and chose another John Deere in a slightly larger, heavier-duty model with a better warranty and larger cutting deck. We chose to purchase through Tractor Central, where we had purchased the old tractor eight years ago. We received a discount, with delivery and take-away included in our cost of \$4,699.
- This year we received our largest grant in CESA #4 history with the WISH Center as a part of the “Cares Act for Mental Health” funded through the Federal CARES Act/ESSER to provide training and technical assistance. The grant is under the Direction of Tracy Herlitzke. The amount for the two year grant is \$3,491,380. The Board heard Tracy’s presentation this evening.
- Audit is currently scheduled for October 21 and 22.
- We hosted a small group of District Office Administrative Assistants at CESA #4 for their state WASSA virtual conference last week. The group contacted us because they

value the ability to participate without the interruptions that are a daily part of their work, and they had the opportunity to network with their area colleagues. They appreciated the service and to collaborate with their peers in attendance.

- During our Directors' Meetings, we continue to discuss ways to be responsive to virtual environments and provide more flexible training opportunities to our districts. The CESA #4 Staff and Directors have been outstanding in their professional innovation and collaboration to provide our districts with the professional development, services and support that they need to help our students and staff be successful. We will continue to meet monthly to share successes and challenges and to find solutions that will benefit all of our stakeholders.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the Agency Administrator's Report. Julie Meyers seconded the report. Motion carried.

Board Input/Cracker Barrel: Board members asked questions about the Blair-Taylor referendum – addition of a daycare to the facility. Sarah Staff provided background on information gathered by the district to bring the referendum question for vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sarah Staff moved to adjourn. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at CESA #4.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Kotek