

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at CESA #4, 923 East Garland Street, West Salem, Wisconsin.

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

Attending in person: David Amundson

Via Zoom/Phone Connection: 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 Arnsen, Wayde Pollock, and Michelle Kotek and presenting via remote connection were Erin Hansen and Lily Rider.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

ITINERANT SERVICES PRESENTATION: LILY RIDER AND ERIN HANSEN

CESA #4 provides itinerant services for our area school districts in the areas of: Educational Audiology, Vision, Social Work, Physical Therapy, Orientation and Mobility, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Occupational Therapy. The benefits of programming for districts include: sharing hard to fill positions, share costs by districts, and education model vs. hospital model. The consortium model is able to spread out the costs over the total number of districts participating in the service.

- The physical therapists currently serve 12 districts and work with students to increase limb movements and how to use wheel chairs/walkers.
- Educational audiologists currently serve 22 districts. They work with students with hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM systems in the classroom. The audiologists assist and promote self-advocacy with students, assist students/schools in getting equipment repaired and work with staff on how student/s can access the curriculum being taught.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teachers currently serve 22 districts. They collaborate with the audiologists and assist teachers and student/s with the academic deficits in reading/writing/math. The staff are able to assist with sign language.
- VI Teachers/Orientation and Mobility – VI Teachers currently serve 17 districts and provide/develop lesson plans for students to access the curriculum and teach braille. The Orientation and Mobility Specialist assists students to navigate the world and become more independent.
- School Social Worker is currently serving 3 districts and is working with students and families to make them aware of community resources available to them.

READING AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Sarah Staff moved to approve the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes as distributed. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Jane Halverson moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of November. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Contracts

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the part-time personnel contracts for Nicole Hoff, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Patricia Beckman, Occupational Therapist. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Budgets for 2020-21

Wayde Pollock reviewed the \$8.6 million proposed budget for 2020-21. Dawn Comeau moved to approve the budget as presented. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of recommended pricing for 2021-22

Kehl and Wayde recommended keeping the per day pricing structure for programs and services for 2021-22 the same as the current year. Dawn Comeau moved to approve that recommendation. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agency Administrator's Report to the Board

- Wisconsin Safe and Health Schools Center's statewide conference held December 2-4 and had 487 participants registered for the virtual conference.
- Program and Services Catalog work has begun for 2021-22
- Herb Kohl Scholarships/Teacher Fellowships process underway at the regional level. CESA #4 organizes the regional level of reading and scoring the applications.
- We developed a spreadsheet for districts (superintendents) to share with their colleagues if they are in person or virtual instruction and share any comments that would be of interest to the group.
- Wisconsin and Federal proposed legislation for COVID and Education-related funding was released this week.
- State School superintendent race is up and running. There are five candidates presently running for the position.
- State School Board Convention registration is open for January 20-22 and will be totally virtual. Keynote speakers include former Packer Donald Driver, National School Board Association Director Anna Chavez and the Governor Evers has been invited to speak.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The group was reminded to complete and return the administrator's evaluation to Dave Amundson if they have not already done so.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Comeau moved to adjourn. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kotek