

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at Westview Inn Restaurant, 174 Leonard Street, West Salem, Wisconsin.

Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Dawn Comeau, Larry Cyrus, Catherine Griffin, Julie Meyers, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright.

Members Excused: Aaron Nemeč

Also Present: Dr. Kehl Arnson, Wayde Pollock and Michelle Kotek

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Catherine Griffin moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2 AND 8, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the minutes of the February 2 and 8, 2022 meetings. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY

Sarah Staff moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of February as presented. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

stopped meeting at 6:55 pm for dinner

restarted meeting at 7:35 p.m. following dinner

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Resignation

Dawn Comeau moved to approve the resignation of Erin Hilleshiem, School Social Worker at Bangor and La Farge effective February 25, 2022 with the penalty enforced for breaking her contract. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval CESA 10 Environmental Services Contract for 2022-23

Julie Meyers moved to approve 2022-23 contract with CESA 10 for their Environmental Services program that twenty of our school districts participate in. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD – KEHL ARNSON

- For our February CSN meeting, we met at the WASB Office in Madison. Our guests included John Ashley, WASB Executive Director; Jon Bales, WASDA Executive Director; John Johnson, Deputy State Superintendent; and more DPI program directors. There was a good deal of discussion about the growing pains as DPI is retooling in their first year with a new Superintendent and Cabinet. We talked about improving communication and cooperation, which is both frustrating and encouraging at the same time. The fact that we were having the discussion together was very positive. DPI changes for our region still include reductions in DPI funding for Early Childhood programs, Title I services for our less affluent schools, and Social Emotional Learning programs. On the flipside, districts have short-term money from ESSER funds to work with.
- Our PAC meeting yesterday included a presentation on compensation data, a topic that had been under discussion with just over half of our Superintendents. Wayne, along with our Business Managers asked Tad Wehner from Edgerton Schools to come and present about a Skyward process for collecting, collating and reporting compensation data between districts. The Superintendents were very interested, and we are beginning the push to have all of our districts participate (there should be no additional cost to districts). The information would allow participating districts across the region and state to compare apples to apples data that can help districts make better decisions.

We also had Jon Bales, WASDA Executive Director, at our meeting to provide some updates to the Superintendents and to ask where they needed support. The discussion lasted an hour and a half and left us feeling that Jon was working hard to support our Superintendents and their districts.

- Yesterday, March 1st, we lowered our masking expectations for CESA 4 guests and employees:
Masking for CESA 4 staff and guests is recommended but will be optional. CESA 4 may require attendees to wear masks or follow other safety measures for certain activities. In collaboration with local public health officials, masking may be initiated if conditions warrant it, e.g.:
 - *Event activities that require close proximity such as CPI training or large group meetings*
 - *Significant increase in regional cases and community transmission*
 - *Multiple cases connected to an instructional setting or CESA activity*

- Reminder that CESA 4 will be hosting the WASB meeting for new Board Members on Tuesday, April 19th from 7 – 9 p.m. here at CESA 4.
- Fran Finco, WASB Search Consultant, asked us to share his update for the Agency Administrator hiring process, interview questions and timeline, and to check that we are ready for the March 22nd meeting.

Dawn Comeau moved to approve the Agency Administrator's Report. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

Discussion on the importance of board attendance at meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at CESA 4.

Sarah Staff moved to adjourn. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kotek