

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Golden Frog Restaurant, Fountain City.

Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Larry Cyrus, Catherine Griffin, Julie Meyers, Jerry Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, and Sarah Staff (arrived at 7:05).

Members excused: Kevin Bauman, Aaron Nemecek and Jim Wright

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF REVISED MEETING AGENDA

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the revised meeting agenda as distributed to board members with the removal of Oath of Office. Catherine Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 6 AND 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Julie Meyers moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 6 and 13, 2022.

Catherine Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for April 2022.

Catherine Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stopped meeting to have dinner at 7:15 p.m.

Returned to meeting at 7:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE PERSONNEL CONTRACTS

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the personnel contract for Paul Fischer, Agency Administrator. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Julie Meyers moved to approve the contract for Christy Tainter, Career and Academic Planning Director. Jerry Roethel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATION

Sarah Staff moved to approve the resignation of Lisa Rochester, part-time physical therapy assistant. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

1. We had good attendance at our PAC meeting yesterday, but still had to have 4 Superintendents attend via Zoom because they had to be present within the district for other activities. Our guest was State Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Jill Underly. Jill talked about some of the updates at DPI and their progress on refining their priorities for public schools. DPI is working on strategic planning and will be creating more listening sessions statewide. CESA Administrators did receive the same information last week at our state CSN meeting too. Jill will be going to each CESA to meet with Superintendents and listen to them about their needs and successes. She listened to our Superintendents and took notes about our regional work. Dr. Underly took notes telling the Superintendents that she would work on issues of concern and wanted to hear about individual successes. Concerns were focused mostly on issues of staff shortages and support for inexperienced administrators. Our Superintendents shared a variety of programs including Career Tech collaborations and program advancements, childcare centers and building projects to provide better facilities for students.

Paul and I planned to get him in front of the PAC group too, so I introduced Paul to Jill, so she knows he is our new administrator. I also welcomed Paul to the PAC as our incoming administrator, and he prepared a brief message to let them know he was excited to be joining CESA 4 and to let them know that he wants to connect with them and review their on-going needs. He did a good job and was able to talk a few of the Superintendents that he doesn't know well yet. Michelle had his laptop ready for him, which he has been issued now. His email is pfischer@cesa4.k12.wi.us. Kalli Rasmussen, PA, took his picture and had his ID Badge and business cards printed by that afternoon. Paul and I continued our transition discussion, which is primarily answering questions for him as they arise. Paul is scheduled to join our summer CSN CESA Administrators' workshop and meetings in June. We will attend together as this is a great time to meet the other CESA Administrators and begin learning about our statewide relationships and programs.

2. I attended the State Annual Educational Conference for district leaders about 2 weeks ago. According to Jon Bales, WASDA Director, the first day of the conference was the best attendance ever. We also know that the recent WCASS conference for special education administrators was full for both days. These are positive indicators for us as we are seeing more educators willing and able to attend professional development opportunities. I also performed with the band "The Superintendencies" a tradition for over a decade now where superintendents and other educators perform at the Thursday night reception. We play a lot of classic songs that people and enjoy, sing along and dance. We pick songs everyone knows and that are easier to play after just one evening of band practice together. It is a fun way for Sups to socialize, network and have fun together with their colleagues.

3. Erin Hansen, Itinerant Services Director, and Sam Mason, Physical Therapist, participated in a job fair at UW La Crosse earlier in April for Occupational and Physical Therapists.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: June 1, Annual Convention, Julie Meyers will serve as meeting chair in Dave Amundson's absence.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 1st at CESA 4 at 6:30 p.m. for the Annual meeting and the organizational meeting will follow immediately after.

Larry Cyrus moved to adjourn the meeting. Catherine Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kotek