

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at Castle Hill Supper Club, Merrilan, Wisconsin.

Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Larry Cyrus, Catherine Griffin, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright - (Vernon County vacant)

Member Excused: Julie Meyers

Member Absent: Katie Berkedal

Also present: Paul Fischer, Wayde Pollock and Michelle Kotek

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Sarah Staff moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JULY 6, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried with Catherine Griffin abstaining.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY

Catherine Griffin moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for July as presented. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF VERNON COUNTY BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER

Larry Cyrus moved to approve the resignation of Aaron Nemecek representing the La Farge School District from the Board of Control. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE PARKING LOT SEAL COATING/STRIPING PROPOSAL

Catherine Griffin moved to approve the proposal from SSI, Wisconsin Dells for \$9,190.00 to seal coat and stripe the parking lot. Larry Cyrus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION PLAN

Paul discussed the transition plan. He has met with the new superintendents in the CESA 4 region and plans to meet with them quarterly. They seemed appreciative of the opportunity to meet as a group.

Meeting stopped at 7:05 p.m. for meal

Meeting restarted at 7:15 p.m.

DISTRICT SUMMARIZATION OF PURCHASED SERVICES – WAYDE POLLOCK

Wayde discussed the handout comparing the amounts of services purchased from our 26 districts from last year to the current year.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

CESA 4 Activities and Regional News

1. We are very excited to report that on Wednesday, July 20, we received word from DPI that our alternative licensing program, ALPSS was officially approved. ALPSS, or Alternative Licensing Pathways Supports and Services will allow us to provide an alternative licensing pathway for those holding a bachelor's degree and looking to get certified in elementary and middle level education, grades 1-9. When the program was first introduced, names of individuals who were interested in the alternative licensing pathway were taken. We will be starting with that small group of individuals for the 2022-2023 school year. We will continue to market the program to our CESA 4 districts and will be accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year after the first of the year. Our future plans will include providing opportunity to provide special education certification.
2. I met with two different groups of first or second year Superintendent's recently. Sam Russ was named the new Superintendent for the Sparta Area School District, Tom Benson for the Royall School District, and second year Superintendent, Travis Anderson from the N-O-W School District. We met in Tomah on Tuesday, July 26th. The second group focused on new Superintendent's in the western regions of CESA 4. They included Drew Semingson, from the ACHM School District, Troy White from the CFC School District, Paul Franzwa from the Independence School District and Lynn Halverson from the Blair-Taylor School District. The main purpose of the meeting is to provide resources for them as new Superintendent's as well as letting them express some of the obstacles or issues they have encountered as they began their new roles. We also spent time discussing how CESA 4 could be of assistance in the future. We are going to meet monthly prior to our PAC meetings so they have the opportunity to talk about issues or questions that arise as they work through the school year.

3. Prior to my arrival at CESA 4, Kehl had met with the Village of West Salem, and a local business owner, Tom Hanchette of Identity Works, as well as an engineer, to discuss an issue that the business owner is experiencing with stormwater runoff and flooding on his property. When they initially met, it was determined that stormwater runoff from the CESA 4 parking lot was a contributing factor of the flooding the business owner was experiencing. Based on that initial meeting, the engineer developed a potential solution that would be cost effective, yet a solution to the problem. I recently met with them, as well as a representative from Hess Excavating to determine the best course of action. After much discussion, it was determined that there is a possibility to tie into the West Salem storm drains located to the east of the CESA 4 property. Hess was going to put together a proposal for the project, as well as a quote as to the potential cost to complete the project. Once I have that proposal, I will share it with the board at a future meeting.

4. We had our initial onboarding meeting with 3RT. We met with Troy Tobin, Account Manager; Todd Young, Project Manager; and Collin Pendleton, Technology Programmer and Integrator. We reviewed how the technology request tickets will work and how they will be processed. We also developed a plan to work with Adoni on a transition so that 3RT is in place by early August.

State News

5. There was a recent meeting in Madison with the Legislative Study Committee. The focus for this particular meeting was on shared services. “The study committee is directed to review current barriers to shared administrative or other services between school districts, and explore statutory changes or creation of incentives to encourage efficiencies. The committee shall consider methods for sharing or consolidating services such as district-level administration and personnel, purchasing, technology and data processing, transportation, food service, and building maintenance and make recommendations for legislation. As part of its work, the committee shall study school district structures employed in other states, particularly county-wide school district models.” Invited guests for this meeting included District Administrators from the Trempealeau County Cooperative as well as representation from three of the twelve state wide CESA’s. It was a very positive meeting in regards to the input provided by the CESA administrators. Many on the committee did not understand how CESA’s worked and the message was clear that CESA’s need to be involved with districts when it comes to providing shared services between districts. There will be additional meetings with the CESA administrators bringing back additional information that was requested by the committee. The recording of this meeting can be seen on Wisconsin Eye.

Sarah Staff moved to approve the Administrator’s Report. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL

Reminder to board members of the National Rural Schools Alliance Conference held in Green Bay, on October 20-21, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Catherine Griffin moved the meeting adjourn. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. with location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Kotek