

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

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Drugan's Castle Mound Restaurant, Holmen, Wisconsin.

Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dave Amundson, Kevin Bauman, Larry Cyrus, Catherine Griffin, Julie Meyers, Lindsay O'Hair, Gerald Roethel, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Sarah Staff and Jim Wright

Excused: Katie Berkedal

Also present: Paul Fischer, Wayde Pollock and Michelle Kotek

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Julie Meyers moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER**

Sarah Staff moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for November as presented. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BUDGETS FOR 2022 – 2023**

Wayde reviewed the \$7.9 million proposed budget for 2022-23. Sarah Staff moved to approve the budget as presented. Catherine Griffin seconded the motion.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PRICING FOR 2023-2024**

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to approve the increase in daily rates as proposed for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The administrative flat fee will remain the same. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD – Paul Fischer**

### **CESA 4 Activities and Regional News**

- I spent the afternoon of Wednesday, December 7th at West Salem High School assisting with their Virtual Reality Store. The event was put on for West Salem High School juniors and seniors. The purpose of the reality store was to create an experience of entering the world of adulthood and knowing the responsibilities that come with “adulting.” The focus was on the ability to be independent and also focused on personal finance. It was great interacting with the students of West Salem High School. I look forward to and welcome working on these types of projects in other school districts.
- At our monthly CESA 4 Agency meeting, we continue to work on our Mission and Vision work. We have identified areas of strength that lie within CESA 4, as well as areas in which we can improve upon. This work over the past 3 months has allowed us to grow as an organization in my opinion. We will continue the work over the next several months, but great progress has been made thus far. I also asked the Superintendents from the school districts in CESA 4 and got their feedback as to the CESA 4 Mission statement. There was great conversation centered around a few key words in the mission statement such as “working together” as well as “diverse needs of students and community.” They were very much appreciative of being asked for their input. It also allowed us as a CESA to hear the affirmations of the work we are doing well and how the districts rely on for services that they are unable to provide.
- The Building of the Heart of Successful Schools Conference is taking place on December 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Dells. The conference is organized and put on by the WISH Center staff from CESA 4, along with a partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. They have put a lot of time and effort into this conference which focuses on connecting and inspiring Wisconsin educators so that they are able to service the needs of all students. As of this writing there are 293 participants registered for the conference. I will be leaving from the Board of Control meeting and heading to Wisconsin Dells so that I can participate in the Conference on Thursday as I am the Agency Administrator assigned to this group.
- We reached out to WASB in regards to the resolutions that are being presented at the State Education in January. They indicated that the mailing was going out later this week and that districts can expect a hard copy of the resolutions by the end of next week. A digital copy of the resolutions is available at <https://wasb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Report-to-the-Membership-on-Proposed-2023-Resolutions.pdf>. There are 19 resolutions being proposed, including one that involves repealing and recreating resolutions in regards to teacher licensure.
- It is that time of year where we begin the development of the CESA 4 catalog for districts. Staff are currently in the process of editing their current offerings, or developing new

options. I will be reviewing those over Christmas break to determine whether or not there is a need for any new catalog requests. As mentioned previously, I will be working with our Directors in setting up meeting times with the various districts. I want the directors to be able to highlight what they have to offer, and further build upon our relationships with all 26 school districts in CESA 4. This has been well received by our directors as they feel this a great way to have discussions with district leadership in regards to the needs they are seeing or hearing as they host meetings throughout the year. Those district meetings will begin in mid-February and run through March.

## **State News**

The Department of Public Instruction recently released the registration for the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Schools with students in any grades between 6-12 are encouraged to participate in this important data collection. The data from this survey continues to be important as it identifies high-risk areas throughout the state of Wisconsin. As a result of strong participation in the 2021 YRBS cycle, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) was able to generate reports for 73 percent of all counties as well as statewide representative data. This statewide data revealed striking disparities between high-risk groups. Notably, females, students of color, LGB students, and students receiving special education services reported fewer supports and more challenges. Even so, DPI State of Wisconsin sample data revealed that 33 percent and 52 percent of students statewide reported significant problems with depression and anxiety, respectively. These figures were exacerbated for the high-risk groups, who also reported higher rates of suicidality.

Revealing these figures was only made possible by the efforts of school staff and administrators to ensure a successful YRBS administration last cycle. As such, DPI is encouraging districts to sign up for the upcoming 2023 data collection cycle so they can continue their work to identify the most pressing challenges affecting our students. Please highly encourage your district administration to participate in this survey. With an emphasis being placed on mental health funding, this data only supports the need that is there.

Larry Cyrus moved to approve the Administrator's Report. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL**

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

For January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Paul Fischer to provide reflections to the Board this first partial year in lieu of various groups completing evaluations on him.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sarah Staff moved the meeting adjourn. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at CESA 4.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Kotek