

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY #4

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Badger Crossing Restaurant, 909 Front Street, Cashton, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Shawn Sedgwick

Also present: Cheryl Gullicksrud, Wayde Pollock, and Michelle Kotek

PUBLIC INPUT - None

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Jane Halverson moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Julie Meyers moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CONTRACTS

Jane Halverson moved to approve a contract for Amanda Langrehr, Career Exploration and Planning position. Julie Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

- WASB New Board Member Meeting – Thursday, April 19 from 7 – 9 pm at Black River Falls High School. No Registration is needed.
- WASB Spring Academy – Tuesday, May 15, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at CESA #4. Registration is required at www.wasb.org. Cost is \$95 per person.
- March PAC meeting - West Salem Superintendent Troy Gunderson gathered information and specific examples of school funding challenges from fellow CESA 4 superintendents as part of his preparation for the Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing on School Funding.
- Trempealeau Valley Consortium Panel – Superintendents from Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall provided information on why and how their Trempealeau Valley Consortium was formed. They reviewed their current program of shared courses, the consortium's Mission Statement (a copy is included in tonight's handouts), and their newly created Joint Powers Agreement.
- Information was shared about the Sandy Hook Promise website which provides a free guide on how to know the signs of gun violence and resources to support school activities related to violence prevention.
- The Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing on School Funding was held in La Crosse on March 19. Dr. Amy Van Deuren, Sparta Superintendent, Dr. Fran Finco, Onalaska Superintendent, and Troy Gunderson, West Salem Superintendent gave presentations and answered panelists' questions. Aaron Engel, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Superintendent, also provided testimony.

- Congratulations to Alma, Arcadia, La Crosse, Sparta, and Westby school districts on the passage of referenda in the April 3 election. Information on the election results is provided.
- Herb Kohl Foundation winners have been announced. A complete listing of award recipients is attached.
- Congress passed the 2018 Federal funding bill in late March. Included in this bill was increased funding for several education programs including Title I, Title IV, IDEA, Career and Technical Education, Charter Schools, State Assessments, Homeless Youth/Children, and Rural Education. Level funding was approved for Title II, Migrant Students, Neglected/Delinquent Students, Innovative Approaches to Literacy, Comprehensive Literacy Development grants, and English Language Acquisition. Requests to support a private school choice initiative were not funded.
- On March 26 Governor Walker signed several school safety provisions into law and approved a \$100 million grant program for schools to pay for things such as safety-related facility upgrades and staff training. There are also new school safety plan requirements and rules requiring notification to law enforcement of threats of violence in or targeted at a school.
- The Rural School Teacher Talent Commission Pilot was approved by the state legislature as part of the budget bill approved last fall. Rules and procedures have been finalized and meetings are being scheduled with education leaders at Viterbo and UW-La Crosse to explain the program and establish a process for identifying practicum students and student teachers eligible for the stipends. Seventeen CESA 4 school districts qualify for the pilot.

Sarah Staff moved to approve the Agency Administrator's report. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBER INPUT/CRACKER BARREL –

- Discussion on the upcoming WASB offerings
- Steve McCombs confirmed as speaker for Annual meeting – speaking on multigenerational workforce

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Halverson moved to adjourn. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday evening, May 2, 2018, 7 p.m. location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gullicksrud