

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

The Board of Control met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at CESA #4, 923 East Garland Street, West Salem, Wisconsin. Chairman Dave Amundson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Excused: Aaron Nemecek and Jim Wright

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

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Jane Halverson moved to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Sarah Staff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION NETWORK PRESENTATION – TRACY HOGDEN**

The purpose of the Regional Service Network is to support Wisconsin public school districts in advancing the academic achievement and social and emotional competencies of students with disabilities by providing technical assistance, fostering collaboration and developing educational capacity. The essential functions in order to fulfill the purpose of the network include:

- Support systems improvement and change to use data for analysis and action planning
- Develop leadership capacity by providing support and training around technical and adaptive change
- Develop collaborative relationships so that the districts efforts to promote academic, career, and community-based opportunities for students with disabilities are coordinated and aligned
- Engage in ongoing professional learning to develop and apply knowledge of grant initiatives and skills

Five Regional Special Education Network meetings are held each year. Individual education plans now have a focus on reading and being culturally responsive. Based on the five-year self-assessment cycle, the DPI notifies the school district in the spring when they are required to conduct the self-assessment in the coming year. The following districts have their self-assessment this year: Blair-Taylor, Cashton, La Crosse, Sparta, Tomah, Viroqua and West Salem.

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Dawn Comeau moved to approve the meeting minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting. Jane Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **APPROVE VOUCHERS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

Jane Halverson moved to approve the vouchers and financial statement for the month of October. Kevin Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

- 2018 WASB Legislative Advocacy Workshop at CESA #4 on Tuesday evening, November 13 from 6-9 p.m. with dinner included

- Referendum results
  - Bangor, Hillsboro, Holmen, Onalaska - passed
  - Viroqua and West Salem – voted down
- Congratulations to the Bangor School District on the completion of their new greenhouse. After three years of fundraising efforts, a greenhouse kit was ordered, and staff, students, and community members worked together to prepare the site and build the greenhouse. The new greenhouse expands current greenhouse space to allow for increased vegetable and plant production as well as space for fish tanks and new aquaculture learning experiences.
- Congratulations to Black River Falls School District on receiving a DPI “Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities Award” for their Empty Bowls School and Community Service Project. Through the cooperative efforts of students and staff, community members, and local businesses, an opportunity was provided for families to enjoy a variety of soups and do some holiday shopping, all while raising funds for the Jackson County Food Pantry. Service project participants provided the following:
  - Students in the Art Department made ceramic bowls
  - FCCLA members prepared and served soup
  - Music students performed during the event
  - FCE members made and sold pillows, baked goods, dried soup, bread mixes, and homemade soaps
  - Tech Ed/Skills USA students made metal art and holiday ornaments
  - Ag students made wreaths
  - Special Ed students made homemade cards and bookmarks
  - Business and Marketing (FBLA) groups made photo frames, cocoa mixes, and sold Black River Falls Tiger apparel

Several area businesses donated supplies. The award was presented at the Wisconsin Rural Schools Conference

- CESA 4 hosted a Special Education Public Forum on October 17. This forum provided individuals with an opportunity to share suggestions for improvements and concerns with DPI staff about PreK-12 special education services.
- In lieu of the October PAC (superintendents’) meeting, CESA 4 superintendents were encouraged to attend a WASDA Regional Fall meeting. WASDA provides a professional learning opportunity in multiple locations throughout the state each fall to update superintendents on a variety of current legal and legislative issues.
- The WiRSA (Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance) annual Fall Conference was held the end of October. The theme of this year’s conference was “Rural Schools Matter.” Dr. Mara Casey Tieken, author of Why Rural Schools Matter, provided the opening keynote address. CESA 4’s Kaye Henrickson presented a session on online open education resources and the WISELearn program.
- DPI has initiated a new process designed to provide consistency in how CESAs are reimbursed for expenses incurred while completing work contracted through the DPI. In the past, intergovernmental agreements from different DPI departments had different requirements for documenting the completion of work and for submitting claims. This created a lot of confusion and resulted in delayed payments. The new process includes standardizing the format and language of all agreements and using a single online document to list and link all of a CESA’s agreements in one place for easy reference. The new system was explained in a statewide, online meeting last week, and everyone is hopeful the changes will greatly improve the efficiency of claims processing.

Jane Halverson moved to approve the Agency Administrator’s report. Dawn Comeau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Approval of 2018-19 Budget

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sarah Staff moved to adjourn. Mary Jo Rozmenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday evening, December 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Drugans in rural Holmen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Gullicksrud