



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Work Session Minutes Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Call Work Session to Order - Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Work Session to order at 4:06 p.m. via Zoom. Board members attending were Bryan Burton, Kathy Enslin, Maureen Hanson, Nicole Lovik-Blaser via Zoom, Dr. Tony Reid, Dr. Mary Stevens, and Dennis Craun (joined at 4:22 p.m). Absent was Dr. Darshini Jaywardena. Also in attendance were Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen and Board Secretary Lori Thomas.

Approval of Agenda

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathy Enslin . Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Administrator's PD Update

Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen shared his professional development plan for 2023-24.

Adjournment

Dr. Debra Rich declared the work session adjourned at 4:56 p.m.on a motion by Dr. Tony Reid, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens.

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Call Board Meeting to Order - Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom. Board members attending were Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Kathy Enslin, Maureen Hanson, Nicole Lovik-Blaser via Zoom, Dr. Tony Reid, Dr. Mary Stevens. Absent was Dr. Darshini Jaywardena.

Also in attendance were Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen, Asst. Chief Administrator/Director of HR Karl Kurt, and Board Secretary Lori Thomas. Attending via Zoom were Chief Financial Officer Michael Kalvig, Director of Creative Services/Communications Beth Strike, Executive Director of Special Education Amy Knupp, and Executive Director of Ed Services Jen Sigrist. Visitors included Central Rivers AEA staff member Pam Morrissey.

Central Rivers AEA is committed to ensuring equitable, efficient, and effective educational services that prepare all Iowa children for a life well-lived.

Approval of Agenda

Maureen Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bryann Burton. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint a Delegate and Alternate to the IASB Delegate Assembly

Kathy Enslin made a motion to appoint Dr. Mary Stevens as the delegate and Dr. Tony Reid as the alternate to represent the Central Rivers AEA Board at the IASB Delegate Assembly, seconded by Bryan Burton. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Correspondence

The Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors received redistricting information and copies of the confirmation letters from the Iowa Secretary of State regarding Dunkerton Community School District and Forest City Community School District.

Reports to/from Board:

Joel Pedersen

Joel expressed his appreciation to his Ad Cabinet team for their support of him in his role. He reminded the board that this is an election year and five board members are up for re-election. Joel also reminded everyone about the upcoming IASB and AESA conferences.

Karl Kurt

Karl reported on the administrative retreat that was held in Clear Lake last month and shared regarding the agency's new staff members. Karl and Beth Strike are starting their leadership work with district boards and most will begin after the school board elections.

Michal Kalvig

Michael gave a brief update on agency financials and reported on the shortage of school business officials.

Beth Strike

Beth shared the work that is going on across the statewide AEA system to share our story and show the collaborative work being done. Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen is going to be a featured guest on a local television program, *The Steele Report*.

Amy Knupp

Amy reported on the training process for Tier 2 and 3 schools.

Jen Sigrist

Jen gave an update on the agency's support of schools identified as needing targeted and comprehensive support. Jen and the Ed Services team are utilizing a care team approach to help provide equitable support to districts.

Dr. Debra Rich

Deb reported that the IAAEA Board will be meeting later in the month and spoke to the importance of sharing the work of Iowa's AEAs.

Dennis Craun

Dennis expressed his appreciation to Joel Pedersen and his team for the great kick-off meeting and the high energy displayed by staff.

Kathy Enslin

Kathy acknowledged several people and shared her appreciation for them as follows: Dr. Deb Rich for her welcome video at the All-Staff meeting; Cari Teske for her support in ordering library materials; Angie Gansen for assisting with license renewal; Kelsey Baker and Rod Ball for their support of River Hills students; and Lori Thomas for her support of the Board of Directors.

Adjournment

Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. on a motion by Mauren Hanson, seconded by Dennis Craun.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

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Dr. Debra Rich, Board President