



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Board Work Session Minutes Wednesday, January 17, 2023 · 5:00 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m., via Zoom. Board members attending via Zoom were Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Kathy Enslin, Maureen Hanson, Dr. Darshini Jaywardena, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, Dr. Tony Reid, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Also attending via Zoom was Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen. Present in the building was Board Secretary Lori Thomas. Visitor Angela Stirm-McLaughlin from the Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier was also present.

Legislative Update

Chief Administrator Joel Pedersen gave an update on House Senate Bill 542 regarding the AEA system. Joel shared a summary of what the bill includes. The board members took the opportunity to ask questions around the proposed bill. Joel shared that he is keeping staff updated with as much information as he can gather.

Joel recognized the district superintendents for advocating on behalf of AEA services. Joel expressed his gratitude to each member of the Board of Directors for their dedication and support of the agency during this uncertain time. Joel also expressed his appreciation for the enormous support he is receiving from his entire administrative team and Board Secretary Lori Thomas.

Several board members recognized Beth Strike, Director of Communications/Creative Services for her exemplary work in communicating to staff and gathering AEA data.. Dr. Debra Rich thanked Joel for his dedication to the agency and for his tireless support and advocacy on behalf of Central Rivers AEA.

Close Work Session

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the Work Session closed at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Board Secretary

 2/17/24
Dr. Debra Rich, Board President