



**Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

Call to Order – Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members attending were: Dennis Craun, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena (Zoom), Nicole Lovik-Blaser (Zoom), Dr. Tony Reid, and Dr. Mary Stevens (Zoom). Kathy Enslin joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:28 pm. Absent were Bryan Burton and Maureen Hanson.

Also present were: Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans and Board Secretary Lori Thomas. Directors attending via Zoom were Jennifer Coombes, Karl Kurt, Annette Hyde, Tesha Moser-Zimmerman, and Beth Strike. Visitors included staff members Rod Ball, Sarah Nelson, and Pam Morrissey.

Agenda Approval

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Darshini Jayawardena. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Approval

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Nicole Lovik-Blaser. Motion passed unanimously.

Imagine Learning Purchase

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the purchase of Edgenuity from Imagine Learning for \$59,640.00, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Zoom Phone Licenses

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of up to 250 additional Zoom Phone licenses for a total cost of up to \$44,621.51, seconded by Dr. Darshini Jayawardena. Motion passed unanimously.

Employee Insurance Agreements for 2025-26

Dennis Craun made a motion to approve the employee insurance agreements as presented for 2025-26, seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. Motion passed unanimously.

Cottingham & Butler Consulting Services Agreement

Dr. Darshini Jayawardena made a motion to approve the two-year agreement with Cottingham & Butler Services, LLC for insurance consulting, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

Architecture Agreement for River Hills School Project

Dr. Tony Reid made a motion to approve the agreement with Invision Architecture, LLC for the initial amount \$49,000 for the sensory room project at River Hills School, seconded by Dennis Craun. Motion passed unanimously.

Restructuring Plan for Director Districts

Kathy Enslin made a motion to approve one of the three proposed plans for restructuring to five Director Districts from the current nine, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. After review of the three proposed plans and board discussion, Kathy Enslin amended her original motion and moved to approve Plan #3 for restructuring to five Director Districts from the current nine. The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. The amended motion passed unanimously. The new director districts will take effect with the next board election in the fall of 2025.

Audit Report for FY24

Dennis Craun made a motion to accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seconded by Nicole Lovik-Blaser. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Debra Rich acknowledged CFO Jennifer Coombes and her team for their diligence in the agency's finances. .

Reports to/from Board:

Stan Rheingans, Chief Administrator

Stan, Annette, and Tesha updated the board on the recent State Board of Education's accreditation for the agency. Central Rivers AEA received full accreditation and the team went through the summary and the agency's action plan going forward. Several board members expressed their appreciation to Stan, Annette, and Tesha for the time and effort they put into the accreditation process.

Tesha Moser-Zimmerman, Executive Director of Educational Services

Tesha shared with the board that the Iowa Area Education Agencies have partnered with the State Library of Iowa to offer delivery services for public libraries statewide. She acknowledged Beth Strike for working to schedule the van routes for this new partnership.

Jennifer Coombes, Chief Financial Officer

Jennifer told the board she plans to bring the mileage policy to the board at an upcoming meeting in order to revise the policy to be more equitable for all staff. This will not impact the rate of reimbursement.

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President

Dr. Rich informed the board that the board approved purchase of two Media vans had a small price difference from the approved amount due to the trade-in value and she approved the amount since it fell below the threshold for needing to come back to the board. Dr. Rich also reported on her attendance at the Iowa AEA meeting.

Adjournment

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. on a motion by Dennis Craun and seconded by Dr. Tony Reid.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Executive Assistant/Board Secretary



Dr. Debra Rich, Board President