



**CRAEA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Call to Order – Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Board members present included Dennis Craun, Jr., David Hill, Nicole Lovik-Blaser (via Zoom), Jenn Peter, Dr. Cynthia Phillips, Dr. Tony Reid, Dr. Theron Schutte, and Dr. Mary Stevens.

Also present were Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans, CFO Jennifer Coombes (via Zoom), Board Secretary Lori Thomas, and Directors Tesha Moser-Zimmerman and Beth Strike. Visitors included Regional Administrators Jody Albertson and Ryan Andreassen, and staff members Mark Groen, Pam Morrissey, and Melanie Trees.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Mary Stevens moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dennis Craun. The motion passed unanimously.

Program Update: Core Team Model

School Psychologist Marc Groen and Special Education Consultant Melanie Trees provided an overview of the Core Team model implemented this school year. Early indicators suggest the model has improved efficiency and effectiveness in supporting the districts. The Board expressed its appreciation to Marc and Melanie for sharing this information.

Consent Agenda Approval

David Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. The motion passed unanimously. The Board congratulated Tesha Moser-Zimmerman on her appointment as the next Superintendent of the Center Point–Urbana CSD.

Approval to Purchase a Furnace/Air Conditioning Unit for the Marshalltown AEA Office

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of a furnace/air conditioning unit from Hardon Services, along with Option #1 full system replacement for a total cost of \$17,981.00. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cynthia Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Board Policy 201.3

Jenn Peter made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 201.3. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. The motion passed unanimously. Further clarification was requested before the second reading regarding the operation of a juvenile home instructional program.

First Reading of Board Policy 201.4

Dr. Cynthia Phillips made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 201.4. The motion was seconded by Dr. Theron Schutte. After discussion, Dr. Phillips amended her motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 201.4 with one addition to the At-Large elections guidelines. The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Schutte. The amended motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Board Policy 201.5

Dr. Mary Stevens made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 201.5. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tony Reid. The motion passed unanimously. Further clarification was requested before the second reading regarding a superintendent's appointed designee.

First Reading of Board Policy 201.6

Dr. Cynthia Phillips made a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy 201.6 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jenn Peter. The motion passed unanimously.

CRAEA Budget Information for 2026-27

Information was shared with the Board regarding the agency's proposed 2026–27 budget and timeline for submission to the State Department of Education.

Reports to/from Board:

Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans: Stan expressed the agency's appreciation to CFO Jennifer Coombes for her work in preparing the agency's budget for 2026–27. He informed the Board that a special meeting will be scheduled to accept the budget in order to meet the state submission deadline.

Executive Director of Ed Services Tesha Moser-Zimmerman: Tesha provided a brief update on the District Service Plan process and recognized the regional administrators for their collaboration with districts throughout the process.

Board Member Dr. Cynthia Phillips: Cynthia expressed appreciation to the agency for hosting the legislative forum last month. She also conveyed her district's gratitude to Director Sarah Nelson for her exceptional IT support and to Executive Director Tesha Moser-Zimmerman for her dedicated service.

Board President Dr. Debra Rich: Deb provided a brief overview of the recent AEA State Board meeting she attended.

Adjournment

Board President Dr. Debra Rich adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m. upon a motion by Dr. Tony Reid, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Thomas, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary



Dr. Debra Rich, Board President