

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CESA 9 OFFICE
304 KAPHAEM ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Andy Merry called the April 4, 2018 Board of Control meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Helen Ackermann - DC Everest
Jason Dananay - Rib Lake
Duane Frey - Rhinelander
Andy Merry - Antigo
Theresa Miles - Wausau
Helen Palmquist - Prentice
Shanon Peel - Athens
Chris Petreikis - Northland Pines
Tom Rulseh - Three Lakes
Tyler Stevenson - Tomahawk
Dan Thompson - Stratford

CESA staff members in attendance included Hilary Cordova, Dawn Nordine, Matt Collins, Beth Tepper, Peggy Francour and Agency Administrator Karen Wendorf-Heldt.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Rulseh, second by Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Agenda items included approval of meeting agenda, approval of March 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes, approval of new employee letter of employment, acceptance of employee resignation and approval of CESA 9 Annual Convention Notice for 2018. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation of Financial Report and Monthly Claims

Financial reports for March were reviewed along with the updated historical monthly cash balance chart. Motion by Miles and second by Petreikis to approve the March financial report and claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Development - Beth Tepper, Early Childhood Program Support

Beth Tepper gave an overview of the support that she gives to the teachers of 3-5 year old children with special needs in the CESA 9 districts. With an interactive presentation, she emphasized the importance of hands-on learning with this population of students.

Administrator's Report

Karen provided the following shout out: The CESA 9 Support Staff for picking up extra duties that have come as a result of a support staff member resigning.

Karen shared part of the power point presentation that she created for the mid-year staff meeting last month where she worked with staff to roll out the results of the recent CESA 9 Employee Engagement Survey.

A list of area Kohl Scholarship and Fellowship recipients was shared with the board.

Karen shared that 21 of the 22 districts have returned the shared service contracts for 2018-19.

WASB will be hosting a Spring Workshop at CESA 9 on Thursday, May 17. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by a presentation on legal roles and responsibilities of school boards.

The Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools will be holding a Zoom meeting on Monday, April 9 to get ideas and find out the needs of the districts in regard to support for new and existing charter schools.

Karen shared information on a state grant that is available to recruit and retain teachers in rural areas. The grant will provide a stipend for practicum students and student teachers who choose to fulfill this educational requirement in rural schools. She is collaborating with UW Stevens Point in the partnership.

School districts are evaluated based on test scores of students to determine if they are ready for college and/or careers. This is reflected in state and district report cards. Redefining Ready is a statewide, grassroots initiative to look at and report on other factors that are correlated with college and career readiness. One of our CESA 9 superintendents has done a lot of research in this area. Redefining Ready gives other alternatives besides test scores that districts can report on for evaluation.

Adjournment

Motion by Frey, second by Miles to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.