

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CESA 9 OFFICE
304 KAPHAEM ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

MINUTES

Chair Andy Merry called the September 5, 2018 Board of Control meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Shanon Peel and Chris Petreikis were administered the oath of office. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Helen Ackermann – DC Everest
Carol Ballerstein - Stratford
Jason Dananay - Rib Lake
David Holperin - Rhinelander
Cherie Krueger - Tomahawk
Shanon Peel - Athens
Chris Petreikis - Northland Pines
Andy Merry - Antigo
Theresa Miles - Wausau
Tom Rulseh – Three Lakes

Absent: Helen Palmquist – Prentice

CESA staff members in attendance included Hilary Cordova, Dawn Nordine, Peggy Francour, Matt Collins, and Katie Ayello. Karen Wendorf-Heldt attended via phone conferencing.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Miles, second by Ackermann to approve the consent agenda as presented. Agenda items included approval of meeting agenda, approval of August 6, 2018 organizational meeting minutes, approval of August 6, 2018 meeting minutes, and review of the August 6, 2018 Annual Convention minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation - Project SEARCH

Dr. Matt Collins and Katie Ayello, teacher for Project SEARCH, presented on the Project SEARCH program at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. This program is for developmentally disabled young adults. They are taught life skills to enable them to be employed in jobs where they are challenged and can make a valuable contribution to their place of employment.

Presentation of Financial Report and Monthly Claims

Financial report for August was reviewed along with the updated historical monthly cash balance chart. A question was raised about transferring some of the funds in checking

to a CD. Hilary is keeping that option open as she monitors trends over time. Motion by Holperin and second by Petreikis to approve the August financial report and claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Karen gave the following shout outs: Matt Collins & Katie Ayello for getting Project SEARCH up and running; Hilary Cordova for the work she has done to get ready for the audit, Al Betry and the entire School Improvement Services team for the work they have done in August out in the districts; Peggy Francour, Hilary Cordova, and the entire CESA 9 office staff for keeping things going when both planned absences and emergencies occur.

The second annual CESA University will take place on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in Stevens Point. All CESA employees across the state are invited to attend. This year CESA 8 & 9 are planning and facilitating the event. Tim Kight will be the featured presenter. CESA 9 offices will be closed for the day to enable all staff to attend and Karen will communicate this to our area superintendents.

Our 2018-19 Employee Kick-off Inservice took place on August 21, 2018. This is the one time each year when all employees of CESA 9, including the itinerant staff, are together for planning and networking. This year the theme was "On Cloud Nine."

Understanding our districts' needs is a priority strategic focus at CESA 9. When we know our districts well and they know us well in terms of the support we can offer, we are better able to provide services that are needed. Each month the CESA 9 School Improvement Leadership Team highlights two of the districts in CESA 9 and digs deep into what the needs are and what we are doing to meet those needs. Karen also meets with the superintendents of those districts during the month to do her rounding.

On August 23, 2018, Kristen Devitt from the Department of Justice held a summit at CESA 9 to discuss the second round of grant funding in the area of school safety and security. All CESA 9 superintendents were invited and we had a good turnout.

Health insurance update - there was a proposed increase of 9% this year, but it was negotiated down to 6.5%.

The revised administrator's goals were shared. This included a bullet point regarding continuing tending to the day to day operations of the agency.

Adjournment

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