

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CESA 9 OFFICE
304 KAPHAEM ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

MINUTES

Chair Andy Merry called the March 6, 2019 Board of Control meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were in attendance:

Present: Helen Ackermann - DC Everest
Carol Ballerstein - Stratford
Theresa Miles - Wausau
Chris Petreikis - Northland Pines
Jason Dananay - Rib Lake
David Holperin - Rhinelander (arrived 7:20 pm)
Andy Merry - Antigo
Shanon Peel - Athens
Tom Rulseh - Three Lakes

Absent: Cherie Krueger - Tomahawk
Helen Palmquist - Prentice

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Miles, second by Petreikis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Agenda items included approval of meeting agenda and approval of February 6, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Rulseh and Petreikis abstaining; all others present voted aye. Motion carried.

Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Development - Update on Wisconsin Virtual School - Dawn Nordine

Dawn updated the Board on Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) by sharing "fun facts" about the changes in enrollments, number of courses, number of teachers, etc from 2009 to 2019. She also talked to the Board about Virtual Learning Time and shared several resources of interest.

New Business

Wipfli representative, Becky Denzine, gave an overview of the 2017-2018 Agency Audit Report and financial statements. Board members were able to access the audit report prior to the Board meeting and had the opportunity to ask questions during Becky's presentation. Motion by Dananay and second by Miles to approve the report as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Due to the fact that the April Board of Control meeting comes later than usual next month, motion by Rulseh, second by Petreikis to release the checks on April 4 with formal approval of all financials at the April 10 meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Presentation of Financial Report and Monthly Claims

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

Administrator's Report

Dr. Heldt provided the following shout outs: to Justin Szews from Lakeland Union High School for his recognition at WASB convention as Principal of the Year, to Marta Kwiatkowski from Rhinelander for her recognition as Business Official of the Year, to Rita Kasten (recently deceased board member from DC Everest) for her recognition of 40 years of service to her local school board, and to all of the Kohl student and teacher scholarship/fellowship recipients.

Karen provided an update on the February Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting. In addition to conversation with the legislators present (Tiffany and Snyder) regarding upcoming budget, Kim Kaukl from Wisconsin Rural Schools Association (WiRSA) gave a presentation to the superintendents and Karen led a learning activity on giving and receiving feedback.

Karen provided Board of Control members with the District Value Add informational flyer for each of their respective districts. Additionally, she updated the Board on progress in drafting a legal agreement which would allow CESA 3 to host a satellite of our CESA 9 Excellence in Teaching Program. Director Al Betry will be at the April Board of Control meeting to present this program to the Board. Karen and Hilary shared progress on the upgrade to the phone system at CESA 9 with installation and training occurring yet this spring. Finally, Karen thanked Helen Ackerman for her many years (nine) of service on the Board of Control as she is leaving the DC Everest school board in April. We will honor Helen at our June dinner meeting.

Closed Session

Motion by Peel, second by Dananay to admourn into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis.Stats. For the purpose of consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of a public employee over which the Board of Control has jurisdiction, including specifically, agency administrator evaluation and contract renewal. Roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The Board moved into closed session.

Motion by Rulseh, second by Ballerstein to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried. The Board moved back into open session.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

Motion by Holperin, second by Ballerstein to approve an employment contract for the agency administrator dated July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with a salary increase of 2.5%. A vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Miles, second by Petreikis to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.