

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CESA 9 OFFICE
304 KAPHAEM ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

MINUTES

President Scott Everson called the April 1, 2015 Board of Control monthly 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
Ken Dirks – Tomahawk
Scott Everson – Rib Lake
Duane Frey – Rhinelander
Tara Guelzow – Antigo
Dan Thompson – Stratford
Kevin Zubke - Athens

Absent: Michael Kaiser – Mosinee
Helen Palmquist – Prentice
Tom Rulseh – Three Lakes
John Shull - Merrill

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Dirks, second by Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented. These items included approval of meeting agenda, minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting, approval of Shared Service contract with CESA 5, and approval of the 2015 CESA 9 Annual Convention notice. 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. Motion by Ackermann and second by Dirks to approve the March financial report and presentation of claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Development – Evidence-based Policy Agenda – Innovation and Standards, Assessment, and Accountability

Karen Wendorf-Heldt presented information in support of the SAA Evidence-based Policy Agenda in the area of innovation, standards, assessment and accountability. Karen provided information on the evidence, the policy recommendations, and how CESA 9

supports that work in the specific areas. The complete SAA document can be found at http://wsaa.org/saainfo/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/SSA_Draft31.pdf.

New Business

Dr. Heldt reviewed the statutory timelines for non-renewal and layoff and requested Board approval to issue preliminary non-renewal and/or layoff notices as necessary by the April 30th deadline. She indicated that none would be for performance reasons. Motion by Dirks, second by Guelzow, to authorize the Agency Administrator to issue preliminary notification of non-renewal to Agency personnel as needed by the April 30th deadline. All present voted aye. Motion carried. A staffing update will be shared at the May meeting.

Revisions to four Board policies were brought to the Board for a first reading. These minor revisions were made to better align policy and practice. Motion by Thompson, second by Ackermann to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 141.1 – Board/Executive Officer Relationship. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Frey, second by Zubke to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 155 – Board Records. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Thompson, second by Dirks to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 171 – Regular Meetings. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Thompson, second by Ackermann to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 171.2a – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination. All present voted aye. Motion carried. All four policies will be brought to the Board for a second reading and final approval at the May 4th meeting.

Administrator's Report

Matthew Collins joined the meeting via Double Robot. Matt maneuvered the Double Robot remotely and described potential uses of the robot in the educational setting. He also shared information on the cost and cost savings that would be realized with a purchase of five or more robots.

Karen reported that about half of the district shared service contracts for 15-16 have been returned. More information will be shared at the May meeting.

Preliminary information was shared for the CESA 9 Summer Professional Academy (SPA) that is scheduled for August 4th and 5th. More detailed information and registration will be available soon.

Karen shared the draft of a resolution she created as requested by the Board at their March meeting. The resolution calls upon area legislators to work with their colleagues to maintain current State Statute 116, including the provisions for state aid and membership in the cooperative. After a brief discussion it was suggested that Karen share the proposed resolution with the superintendents at their next PAC meeting and communicate their recommendation to the Board.

Karen has been in contact with both John Ashley and Dan Rossmiller at WASB. They are currently not planning to offer a legislative discussion for board members. The WASB board member from Three Lakes has indicated to George Karling, Three Lake Superintendent, that he may be interested in trying to get an event like this on the WASB planned events list in the future. In the meantime, Karen encouraged board members to engage locally with their own legislative representatives.

A list of 2015 Kohl recipients for the CESA 9 region was shared.

Meeting notes from the March 13th PAC meeting were shared with the Board.

A thank you note from Pat Beals was shared with the Board.

Karen reminded the Board that the May meeting will be held on Monday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. with board members connecting by telephone. The June meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. Recent retirees, staff with 20 years of service, and board members who left the CESA 9 board of control this year will be recognized at that meeting.

Closed Session

Motion by Dirks, second by Thompson to adjourn 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. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board moved into closed session.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

Motion by Thompson, second by Ackermann to extend the contract of the Agency Administrator through June 30, 2017, with an increase in vacation leave from five to six weeks, and a \$3,000 increase in salary for 2015-16 to be allocated at the discretion of the administrator. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Frey, second by Dirks to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.