

COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY NO. 9
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
CESA 9 OFFICE
304 KAPHAEM ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

MINUTES

President Scott Everson called the February 4, 2015 Board of Control monthly meeting to order at 7:00 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
Michael Kaiser – Mosinee
Helen Palmquist – Prentice
Tom Rulseh – Three Lakes
John Shull - Merrill
Dan Thompson – Stratford

Absent: Tara Guelzow – Antigo
Kevin Zubke - Athens

Others in attendance included CESA staff members Pat Beals, Al Betry, Linda Myers, Dawn Nordine, Jenny Miner and Agency Administrator Karen Wendorf-Heldt.

Oath of Office

Duane Frey, Rhinelander took the oath of office and was welcomed to the CESA 9 board. Duane was appointed by the Rhinelander School District to complete Mary Peterson's term on the Board of Control.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Shull, second by Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented. These items included approval of meeting agenda, minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting, and approval of new employee contracts (Baker, Wall, Hamus) and acceptance of employee resignation (Schumaker as of 6/30/15). 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 January were reviewed. Motion by Dirks and second by Palmquist to approve the January financial report and presentation of claims as presented. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Revisions to three Board policies were brought to the Board for a first reading. These minor revisions were made to better align policy and practice. Motion by Rulseh, second by Thompson to approve for a first reading the revisions to Policy 723.3 – Emergency Closings. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Ackermann, second by Shull to approve for a first reading the revisions to Policy 730.1 – Building Access. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Shull, second by Dirks to approve for a first reading the revisions to Policy 891.3 – Relations with Districts Outside Service Area. All present voted aye. Motion carried. All three policies will be brought to the Board for a second reading and final approval at the March 4th meeting.

Board Development – Evidence-based Policy Agenda – Supporting Excellence in Teaching and Leading

Directors Al Betry, Linda Myers, and Dawn Nordine presented information in support of the SAA Evidence-based Policy Agenda in the area of supporting excellence in teaching and leading. Each provided information on the evidence, the policy recommendations, and how CESA 9 supports that work in the specific areas of educator preparation, educator effectiveness, and instructional technology.

The complete SAA document can be found at http://wsaa.org/saainfo/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/SSA_Draft31.pdf.

Administrator's Report

Karen shared updates on state initiatives including smarter balanced (Badger test), the public service loan forgiveness program and also legislative updates related to the accountability bill and the Governor's proposed budget.

Meeting notes from the January PAC meeting were shared.

Karen demonstrated the new CESA 9 App.

Additional information (celebrations and anticipations) from the School Improvement Leadership Team (SILT) retreat was shared with the Board. Karen also described the partnership with Studer Education and process of continuous improvement to which the Agency is committed.

According to a recent survey, many area educators have expressed interest in Viterbo continuing to offer additional certification programs through CESA 9. Areas of interest include Reading 316 and 17, Superintendent licensure, Principal licensure, Director of Special Education, and Director of Instruction licensure. Updates will be provided as programs are scheduled.

Board members briefly discussed the State Education Convention. Ken Dirks, CESA 9 representative, provided a written report.

Karen informed the Board that they will be receiving an electronic evaluation form as part of the Agency Administrator annual performance evaluation. Superintendents will be completing their evaluation of the Agency Administrator in February and the Board will receive the collated results and feedback from that evaluation by the superintendents prior to completing their evaluation as board members.

Ken Dirks brought up the option of starting the monthly Board of Control meetings at 6:30 rather than 7:00. It was decided that this would be placed on the March agenda for further discussion and possible action.

Adjournment

Motion by Shull, second by Rulseh to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.