# **Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes**



March 14, 2023

#### **ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Pete Evans, board president, called the electronic meeting of the Heartland AEA Board of Directors to order at 4:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ms. Sheri Benson, Mr. Pete Evans, Mr. John Kinley, Ms. Tiara Mays, Dr. Steve Rose and Ms. Margie Schwenk. Ms. Margaret Borgen joined the meeting immediately following roll call. *Absent:* Ms. Liz Brennan and Mr. Alex Piedras.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Fangman, Ms. Sheila King, Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Mr. Kurt Subra and Ms. Jenny Ugolini.

## Approval of Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kinley and seconded by Dr. Rose to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Minutes from Feb. 14 and 24, 2023

A MOTION was made by Ms. Benson and seconded by Ms. Schwenk to approve the minutes from Feb. 14 and 24, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Public Forum and Correspondence**

There was no one from the public present to speak during the public forum.

#### **Discussion Items**

## **Chief Administrator Updates**

- Legislative Update Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Heartland AEA Chief Administrator, provided a brief legislative update.
  - The Governor has appointed Mr. Chad Aldis as the new Director of the Iowa Department of Education. His appointment starts March 15.
  - The AEA equity bill has been submitted, but it remains unclear if it will have enough votes to pass this legislative session. The bill would equalize the funding formula across the AEAs.

## **Heartland AEA Board Member Director Districts Update**

Board members reviewed the new director district boundaries that were updated as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census. Every decade AEA director district boundaries are modified based on the census and shifting populations. The Agency consulted with Ms. Jodi Flory of Cornerstone Geospatial Consulting to review the data and reconfigure the director districts.

#### Insurance Renewals

Mr. Kurt Subra, Heartland AEA Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the Agency's medical, dental and long-term disability insurance renewal agreements.

## **Action Items**

## Certified Union (Heartland Education Association (HEA) Tentative Agreement

A MOTION was made by Dr. Rose and seconded by Ms. Borgen to approve the tentative agreement between Heartland AEA and the Heartland Education Association (certified staff union). Motion passed unanimously.

## **Heartland AEA Board Member Director Districts**

A MOTION was made by Dr. Rose and seconded by Ms. Benson to approve the Resolution Adopting Redistricting Plan, Adjusting Director District Boundaries and Approving the Current Number of Directors following the 2020 U.S. Census. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Evans reviewed the financial statements and indicated that they looked well and in order. There was nothing abnormal to report. Expenses were normal given inflation and have returned more to normal post-pandemic. A MOTION was made by Mr. Kinley and seconded by Dr. Rose to approve the consent agenda including payment of warrant

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numbers 418126 through 418299 and electronic warrant numbers 42160 through 42575. The motion passed unanimously.

- Personnel Report and Addendum
- Purchase Orders:
  - Zoom Video Communications \$110,244.98
  - o iboss, Inc. \$134,852.39
- Perspective Consulting Renewal Contract (pending final contract language)
- Madison National Life Long-term Disability Plan Renewal
- Delta Dental Plan Renewal
- Wellmark BC/BS Plan Renewal
  - Binder
  - Rate Exhibits
  - MSP Form
  - o Admin. Fee Guarantee
  - Network Savings Guarantee
  - o Operational Performance Guarantee
- North Polk CSD Cybersecurity Order of Service Agreement with Heartland AEA and Master Service Agreement
- Winterset CSD Cybersecurity Order of Service Agreement with Heartland AEA and Master of Service Agreement

#### **Chief Administrator Comments**

There were no chief administrator comments.

#### **Board Comments**

There were no board comments.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, (515) 473-6644, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Pete Evans Board President Ms. Jenny Ugothi Board Secretary