

Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes



Jan. 30, 2024

BOARD MEETING

Ms. Margaret Borgen, board president, called the meeting of the Heartland AEA Board of Directors to order at 4:01 p.m.

Board members present: Ms. Margaret Borgen, Ms. Liz Brennan, Mr. Pete Evans, Mr. John Kinley, Ms. Tiara Mays-Sims, Dr. Steve Rose and Ms. Kelly Simmons. *Absent:* Mr. Alex Piedras and Ms. Margie Schwenk.

Administrative Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Fangman, Mr. Kurt Subra, Dr. Kristi Upah, Ms. Jenny Ugolini and Dr. Cindy Yelick.

Approval of Agenda

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

Discussion Items

Informed Consent Conflict Waiver Agreement for Shared Services with Perry CSD

Mr. Kurt Subra, Heartland AEA Chief Financial Officer, explained Ahlers Cooney Consent Conflict Waiver Agreement for shared services with Perry CSD. When two entities use the same law firm, the law firm needs to acknowledge there could be a conflict of interest. If a conflict arises, Ahlers Cooney would not be able to represent either Heartland AEA or the district.

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan Amendment

Mr. Subra discussed allowing other HRA eligibility options given the uncertainty of the current legislative session. If there is a separation of employment over the next 17 months, staff would be able to access HRA funds if they meet the requirements.

Action Item

Informed Consent Conflict Waiver Agreement for Shared Services with Perry CSD & HRA Plan Amendment

A MOTION was made by Ms. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Kinley to approve the Informed Consent Conflict Waiver Agreement for Shared Services with Perry CSD and the HRA Plan amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items Continued

Feb. 13, 2024 Agenda Review

Board members reviewed the draft of the Feb. 13 board agenda.

Board Advocacy

Dr. Cindy Yelick, Heartland AEA Chief Administrator, shared resources that board members can use to advocate for Iowa's AEA's.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 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.

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Ms. Margaret Borgen
Board President

Handwritten signature of Jenny Ugolini in blue ink.

Ms. Jenny Ugolini
Board Secretary