

Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018
5:00 PM
201 E 3rd St.
Fairmont, MN 56031
AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

Roll Call:

_____ Julie Laue Fairmont Area Schools	_____ Mike Pfeil Truman Schools
_____ Wendi Russenberger Martin County West Schools	_____ Jesse Haugh Blue Earth Area Schools
_____ Bryan Nowicki Granada Huntley-East Chain Schools	_____ Mike Schrader United South Central Schools
_____ Sarah Mittelstadt Director, SPEC	

II. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the January 22, 2018 Board Agenda.

III. Recognition of Visitors:

IV. Election of Officers

Chair

Member _____ nominated _____ for Chair.
Member _____ nominated _____ for Chair.
Member _____ moved that the nominations cease and _____ be elected Chair on a unanimous ballot.
Member _____ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

Vice Chair

Member _____ nominated _____ for Vice Chair.
Member _____ nominated _____ for Vice Chair.
Member _____ moved that the nominations cease and _____ be elected Vice Chair on a unanimous ballot.
Member _____ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

Clerk

Member _____ nominated _____ for Clerk.
Member _____ nominated _____ for Clerk.
Member _____ moved that the nominations cease and _____ be elected Clerk on a unanimous ballot.
Member _____ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

V. Director's Report:

VI. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, November 27, 2017.

VII. Presentation of Bills/Finance

Check registers for 12-14-17, 12-28-17, and 1-11-18, and wire transfers presented for approval.

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above check registers and wire transfers.

VIII. Personnel

A. Hiring

1. Lisa Irwin, Floating Substitute in Winnebago, effective 12/4/2017
2. Sarah Spear, Paraprofessional at FES, effective 1/3/2018
3. Liz Hartke, Paraprofessional at FHS, effective 1/3/2018

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above hiring.

B. Resignations

1. Elizabeth Rojo, Paraprofessional, effective 12/4/2017
2. Carol Pierce, Paraprofessional, effective 5/31/2018
3. Marci Olsen, Paraprofessional, effective 12/21/2017

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the resignations.

C. Lane Change

1. Rhonda Petrowiak, from BA+30 Step 17 to BA+40 Step 17

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above Lane Change.

IX. New Business

A. Approve Agreement for Orientation and Mobility Services from Mary Kautto

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above agreement.

B. Approve Independent Education Evaluation Staff Sharing Agreement with New Ulm School District

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above staff sharing agreement.

C. Approval for Signatures on School District Checks

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove Board Chair's, _____ and Board Clerk's _____, signatures on school district checks.

D. Access to Bank Accounts

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove access to bank accounts for Business Manager, Dawn Becker, Financial Secretary, Laura Teveldal, and Director, Sarah Mittelstadt.

E. Accept Donations

A. LuLaRoe Inc, \$159

B. Kalee McClain \$159

C. Casey's \$100

D. Eric and Jessica Weedman \$250

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above donations.

F. Approve Pizza Ranch Tip Night Fundraiser on January 29, 2018

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the above fundraiser.

G. Resolution to Reduce Programs/Staff 2017-2018

Resolution authorizing the Director to explore reductions in programs/personnel.

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Whereas the financial condition of the cooperative dictates that the board must reduce expenditures and

Whereas this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance and/or reduction of Positions and/or programs, and

Whereas a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions:

Be it therefore resolved by the Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board, District 915, as follows:

That the Board hereby directs the Director of S.P.E.C. to consider the discontinuance and/or reduction of programs and positions to effectuate economies in the cooperative district and consider appropriate staffing levels

reflecting the anticipated enrollment, and make recommendations to the Board concerning the same.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by member _____ and being voted thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was fully accepted/denied.

H. Approve Master Agreement with Southern Plains Education Cooperative Education Association for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the SPECEA Master Agreement.

I. Pay Equity Report

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove the Pay Equity Report.

J. Contract Initiation, Development and Approval

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to authorize Director, Sarah Mittelstadt to initiate, develop and execute contracts under \$10,000 for Southern Plains Education Cooperative.

X. Board Committee Reports

A. Joint Powers Committee (Julie Laue presenting)

B. Facilities Committee (Wendi Russenberger, Jesse Haugh, and Bryan Nowicki presenting)

XI. Other
None

XII. Next Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:00 pm

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried to approve/disapprove adjourning the meeting at _____ p.m.