

**Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**  
**4:00 PM**  
**201 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**  
**Fairmont, MN 56031**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Jesse Haugh, and carried to approve the April 19, 2018 Board Agenda.

**III. Recognition of Visitors:** Amber Patten, Frankie Bly, Joe Brown, Evan Gough, Keith Fleming, Dawn Becker, Kellie Fischer, Mandy Fletcher, Steve Olson, Jeremy Coxworth, Dennis Cheesebrow, Kent Jensen, Allison Schmidt, Stephanie Schmitz

**IV. Director's Report:** Director Mittelstadt updated the board on hiring, PELSB, and the legislature.

**V. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Mike Schrader, and carried to approve the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, March 26, 2018.

**VI. Presentation of Bills/Finance**

Check registers for 4/12/2018 and wire transfers presented for approval.

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

**VII. Personnel**

**A. Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

1. Kate Schanning, Special Education Teacher in Winnebago, effective 6/4/2018
2. Jacob Brower, Special Education Teacher in Winnebago, effective 6/4/2018

A motion was offered by Wendi Russenberger, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the resignations.

**B. Hiring**

1. Joelle Thomas, Special Education Teacher, Winnebago Programs, effective 2018-19 school year.

A motion was offered by Mike Schrader, seconded by Bryan Nowicki, and carried to approve the above hiring.

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Formula for allocation of building costs**

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Julie Laue and carried to approve opening discussion regarding the facility cost allocation.

Board members expressed their opinions regarding this issue; superintendents were then also able to give input if they desired. Following significant discussion regarding the matter, the board did not make any motions to reopen the facilities agreement.

**B. Accommodation for districts with inadequate lease levy authority**

It was determined this was discussed during the previous item.

**C. Commitment to future actions**

Discussion with considerations that perhaps there should be joint board and Superintendent Advisory work sessions for significant discussions in the future.

**D. Approve Revised Resolution**

See attached resolution

**E. Approve agreement with ISG as building Architect**

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Wendi Russenberger, and carried to approve the agreement.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Approve purchase agreement for the Lincoln School Building**

A motion was offered by Mike Schrader, seconded by Wendi Russenberger, and carried to approve the purchase agreement.

**X. Other**

None

**XI. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

**XII. Adjournment**

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:26 p.m.