

Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting
May 23, 2019
5:00 PM
201 E 3rd St.
Fairmont, MN 56031
Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Julie Laue, Fairmont Area Schools, Chris Pytleski, Granada Huntley East Chain, Mike Pfeil, Truman Schools, Kyle Zierke, Blue Earth Area Schools, Mike Schrader, United South Central, Sarah Mittelstadt, Director

II. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Pfeil, and carried to approve the May 23, 2019 Board Agenda.

III. Recognition of Visitors:

Amy Kahler, Stephanie Schmitz, Fran Simpson

IV. Recognition Longevity of Employees/Guest Speaker:

A. Fran Simpson – 29 years

B. Amy Kahler – 26 years

C. Janice Leach – 26 years (currently Fairmont Area Schools)

Amy Kahler spoke on services provided by Occupational Therapists.

V. Reports:

A. Director Mittelstadt gave updates on monitoring, staffing and the legislature.

B. Administrative Coordinator Stephanie Schmitz gave staff updates

C. Construction-Director Mittelstadt gave updates on construction including budget and timing

VI. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

A motion was offered by Mike Pfeil, seconded by Chris Pytleski, and carried to approve the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, April 22, 2019.

VII. Presentation of Bills/Finance

Check registers for 4-25-2019, 5-9-2019, and wire transfers presented for approval.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Kyle Zierke, and carried to approve the above check registers and wire transfers.

VIII. Personnel

B. Resignations

1. Nicole Wright, Paraprofessional, effective June 4, 2019

2. Emily Smith, Paraprofessional, effective May 21, 2019

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the above resignations.

IX. Action Items

A. Approve Public Employee Insurance Program (PEIP) Advantage High Plan and the HSA Compatible Plan as the two insurance options available

A motion was offered by Kyle Zierke, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the above insurance plans as the plans offered by the cooperative.

B. Approve Frontier Communications Contract

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Mike Pfeil, and carried to approve Frontier Communications contract for phone service at Arise.

At 6:00 pm, Wendi Russenberger arrived.

Hiring

1. Kelci Russenberger, hired as .5 ALC Science Teacher, .5 Floating Substitute effective 2019-2020 school year

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Kyle Zierke, and carried to approve unanimously the above hiring.

At 6:01 pm Wendi Russenberger left.

C. Approve Hallberg Engineering

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve Hallberg Engineering for building commissioning.

D. Instructional Staff Sharing Agreements

1. For .7 FTE of Physical Therapy Assistant, Betsy Schultz's contracted time to be with Minnesota Valley Education District.
2. For .1 FTE of Speech Language Pathologist, Tara Blair's contracted time from United South Central.
3. For .1 FTE of Speech Language Pathologist, Marnie Norman's contracted time to be with Southern Plains Education Cooperative.

A motion was offered by Mike Pfeil, seconded by Kyle Zierke, and carried to approve instruction staff sharing agreements.

X. Other
None

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, June 24, at 5:00 pm

XII. Adjournment

A motion was offered by Mike Pfeil, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:07 p.m.