

IV. Director's Report:

- A. Hiring:** We have at least two positions to fill in Winnebago for 2018-19, and we only have one applicant despite having posted several times and writing personal emails to each of the candidates at the career fair from the fall. The shortage just seems to be getting worse.
- B. Behavior Strategies:** The Coordinators have actively been pursuing strategies to increase resources for special education teachers in addressing behavior issues. We are also hoping for some regional initiatives.
- C. Efforts:** You will see by the handouts that I have been busy the majority of the time working on facilities projects. However, I also continue with performance reviews, due process question, resources for staff, and planning for 2018-19.
- D. Additional Information:** Yesterday I was asked by the superintendents to put together a one-page document that outlines why we are recommending the addition. I will be putting that together today to outline the future outlook (numbers of students), the research regarding importance of space with students with behavior issues, how the space will be used beyond the 80 students we service regularly, the unique aspects of space for these students, and how these numbers align with similar programs. If there is additional information you would like to know – please email or call me as soon as possible so that I can gather that information. My cell is 507-848-5933.

VII. Old Business

A. Joint Powers Agreement Amendments

There are recommendations for changes to the joint powers agreement as noted in the attachment. Few of these are actually relevant to the facilities itself but are changes relevant to legal updates, current practices, and a few references to the next agreement.

B. Facilities Agreement

This is an agreement that lays out the details related to the facilities. This agreement would be relevant for 20 years or until the Certificates of Participation or paid off.

C. Resolution for Facilities

This is the resolution that would be passed by the Southern Plains board and subsequently the member districts.

D. Kraus-Anderson Agreement

When we had Springsted do the facilities study – they contracted with Kraus-Anderson. They select Kraus-Anderson because of their experience working with cooperatives similar to ours. Gary Benson was the individual that did that study. He visited each site and interviewed many staff members and stake holders. We can pass their agreement at any time that you want to start working on specific planning. They will contract with an architectural firm for the specifics. They recommend three (I know that several districts have mentioned one architectural firm they have appreciated working with – and that was one of the firms he mentioned).

E. All Board Meeting –March 14, 2018

All pieces are in place for this meeting. I asked the Superintendents this week to share this with all of the board members and get a count of the number of people attending. I would like thoughts on what you would like presented at this meeting.

A note that this is a public meeting. This will be advertised as a meeting by Southern Plains; however, it is not an official meeting of the member districts. As per the fact that this is not an official meeting of the member districts, the board members can talk about the aspects of the project related to the cooperative as a whole; however, the board members cannot talk about specifics related to their district (i.e. MCW has additional facilities issues, so that cannot be discussed. BEA cannot discuss what they will do with the Winnebago building. USC would not be able to discuss the additional transportation issues) as it is not an official meeting for each district. It cannot legally be a meeting for the member districts since it is not within the boundaries of those districts (other than Fairmont).