

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held in person and via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, SD on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Harberts (Zoom) and Bailey (Zoom); Canistota – Sittig; Ethan – Vogel (Zoom) and Hawkins; Freeman – Andersen (Zoom); Hanson – Jarding and Bridge (Zoom); McCook Central – Alley (Zoom); Montrose – McAreavey and L. Johnson; and Parker – Fosheim. Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director and Pamela Selken, Business Manager. Absent: Canistota – Jacobsen; Freeman – Tietje; Marion – Schmidt and Brosnahan; McCook Central – Stiefvater and Parker – J. Johnson.

At 9:45 A.M. President Jarding called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

Action #24-66 - Agenda - McAreavey moved seconded by Harberts to approve the May 14, 2024 Agenda as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

President Jarding asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. None were presented.

President Jarding asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

Action #24-67 - Advisory Board Minutes - McAreavey moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the April 17, 2024 Advisory Board Minutes as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-68 - Financial Reports - Harberts moved seconded by McAreavey to approve the following monthly Financial Reports as presented:

April 2024 General Fund Beginning Balance: \$7,906.66; **Closing Balance:** \$7,906.66. **April 2024 SPED Fund Beginning Balance:** \$872,290.65; **Revenue - Interest:** \$526.58; **Local Shared Assessment:** \$150,000.00; **IDEA 611:** \$84,240.00; **IDEA 619:** \$3,686.00; **Expenditures:** \$135,492.53; **Closing Balance:** \$975,250.70. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-69 - Monthly Claims - McAreavey moved seconded by Vogel to approve the following Monthly Claims as presented:

May 2024 Claims: Imprest Fund: EASY TIME CLOCK, INC...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...13.00; SAMS CLUB...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...11.46; SD ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...100.00; UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE...NON-TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES-IMPREST...252.00. **SPED Fund:** ARGUS LEADER...COMMUNICATION ...71.19; BLUEPEAK...COMMUNICATION ...158.55; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS...APRIL...147.32; CLEVELAND...TRAVEL IDEA 611...287.28; DOWRUMMEL VILLAGE...MAY...1,198.47; FERGEN...TRAVEL IDEA 611...201.60; FIRST INTERSTATE BANK FIDUCIARY FUND...POSTAGE ...376.46; HEALY...TRAVEL IDEA 611...137.20; JOHNSTON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...54.32; KOCER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...491.68; KUETER...TRAVEL...48.16; KUETER...COMMUNICATION ...66.56; MILLER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...63.84; NEUGEBAUER...TRAVEL IDEA 611...403.20; PETERSON...TRAVEL IDEA 611...602.00; RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER...TRAVEL ...234.00; RANDALL...TRAVEL IDEA 611...64.96; SASD...REGISTRATION FEES ...200.00; SELKEN...TRAVEL ...254.24; SOUTHEAST AREA COOPERATIVE...REGISTRATION FEES ...400.00; WIEBERS...TRAVEL IDEA 611...750.96; ZULK...TRAVEL IDEA 611...164.64. **TOTAL CLAIMS \$6,753.09; APRIL 2024 PAYROLL \$90,701.43; BENEFITS \$25,637.87; GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$123,092.39.** **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-70 - Approve negotiated agreement with Preschool Teachers & SLP Group – Fosheim moved seconded by McAreavey to approve negotiated agreement with the preschool teachers & speech-language pathologists' group. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-71 - Approve policy amendments - Harberts moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the following policy amendments: a) New Hire Compensation for SLP/Teacher; b) New Hire Compensation Policy for Paraprofessionals & Current Paraprofessional Pay Increase; c) Bereavement Leave. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-72 - Approve returned SLP and ECSE employment contracts - McAreavey moved seconded by Fosheim to approve the returned 2024-2025 SLP and ECSE employment contracts as presented. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-73 - Approve 2024-2025 salary recommendations - Harberts moved seconded by McAreavey to approve the 2024-2025 salary recommendations for the Director, Business Manager and Administrative Secretary effective July 1, 2024, and Psychologists and SLPA effective the start of the 2024-2025 school year. **ALL VOTED YES.**

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Action #24-74 - Approve Technology Technician contract - McAreavey moved seconded by Vogel to approve Technology Technician contract with Kimberly Peterson. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-75 - Approve participation in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund - Fosheim moved seconded by Harberts to approve participation in the ASB Workers' Compensation Fund from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-76 - Approve participation in SDSDBF for Health Benefits and in the Delta Dental Insurance Program - McAreavey moved seconded by Fosheim to approve participation in the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund for health benefits (plan options #2, #3 and #5) and in the Delta Dental Insurance Program from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-77 - Authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to approve ASB Property/Liability & Cyber proposals - McAreavey moved seconded by Harberts to authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to approve ASB Property/Liability & Cyber proposals when available. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-78 - Approve lease with Dow Rummel - Andersen moved seconded by Vogel to approve lease with Dow Rummel effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-79 - Approve the audit proposal - Fosheim moved seconded by McAreavey to approve the audit proposal submitted by Schoenfish and Company to conduct the Cooperative FY2024 Audit. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-80 - Approve the 2024-2025 Cornbelt Service Calendar - McAreavey moved seconded by Harberts to approve the 2024-2025 Cornbelt Cooperative Service Calendar. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-81 - Acknowledge 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget - Harberts moved seconded by McAreavey to acknowledge receipt of the 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-82 - Authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to conduct a Public Hearing - Fosheim moved seconded by Vogel to authorize the Advisory Board of Superintendents to conduct a Public Hearing on June 10, 2024 for the purpose of considering the proposed 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget. **ALL VOTED YES.**

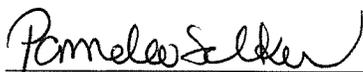
Action #24-83 - Authorize the Business Manager to allocate monies - Fosheim moved seconded by Harberts to authorize the Business Manager to allocate monies to settle claims against the Cooperative from June 11, 2024 to July 31, 2024. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Action #24-84 - Authorize the Director to sign the Head Start Agreement - McAreavey moved seconded by Fosheim to authorize the Director to sign the Head Start Agreement. **ALL VOTED YES.**

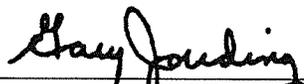
Action #24-85 - Approve the transition to SPED Advantage - Harberts moved seconded by McAreavey to approve transitioning to SPED Advantage. **ALL VOTED YES.**

Mr. Kueter discussed the following items with the board: a) 2024-2025 Staffing needs; b) Extraordinary Cost Fund; c) Comprehensive Plan recertification dates; d) Medicaid billing update; f) IDEA application; g) Atlas 3-year asbestos inspections.

Action #24-86 - Adjournment - At 10:52 A.M. Fosheim moved seconded by Vogel to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. at the Cornbelt Cooperative in Sioux Falls, SD. **ALL VOTED YES.**



Pamela Selken, Business Manager



Gary Jarding, Board of Directors President

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