

Report of the Board's Delegate to Cooperative Educational Service Agency #1 (CESA #1)

February 30, 2017

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Feb. 21, 2017

Because of low turnout, several items were tabled and a basic agenda was taken up. A quorum was present.

March 21, 2017

A couple of articles have been published highlighting the work of CESA #1:

- “From Passive to Active Learning” in WASB’s *School News*. Board members are encouraged to read that article. It highlights one of the main areas of this CESA’s work: personalized learning.
- “A School Where Learning is Personal” in *Educational Leadership*. Again, more work on personalized learning.

A review of CESA #1’s health plan was presented. CESA #1 has a very high participation rate of 95% in its wellness program. This has kept the premiums down. Employees continually say that CESA #1 is a good place to work because of its family atmosphere.

Network programs are being presented for school nurses and for teachers on IEPs.

The 2017-18 calendar was presented. The last Thursday and Friday are still days off, a holdover from the days when there was a teachers’ convention. The staff are questioning whether that should continue in future calendars. It is important to note that, if a particular CESA member is working with an individual school district, that staff member is expected to follow the calendar of that school district. Easter vacation dates for school districts are all over the place. CESA #1 will take the week off before Easter.

The annual convention meeting will be on May 16. It was suggested that future convention dates be set up farther ahead in the following years.

Last month, the board was to go into closed session to discuss the performance of the Executive Director. This is an annual requirement. Given the low turnout at that meeting, however, it was decided to wait until this meeting. Unfortunately, the President would like the *full* board in on this discussion. Several individuals did not make the March meeting as well, so the closed session will be delayed another month. Please do not read too much in this decision; all indication are that the Executive Director is doing a fine job.

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