

Region I Regional Workforce Investment Board
Chief Elected Officials Board
Minutes for July 29, 2014

Workforce Investment Board Present:

In Person: Sally Falb, Rev Lonning, Ann Hart, Ric Jones, Candace Drahn, Les Askelson, and Ron Koppes
On Conference Phone: David Gaylor and James Vermazen

Workforce Investment Board Absent: Dan White, Jim Waller & Kathy Gunderson

Chief Elected Officials Board Present:

In Person: Jason Byrne, Sherry Strub, Jeff Madlom, Darrel Dolf, and Gary Bowden
On Conference Phone: Mark Kuhn

Chief Elected Officials Board Absent: Roy Buol, Mark Kubik, and Wayne Demmer

Others Present: Fern Rissman, Ron Axtell, Ted Harms, Marla Loecke, Wendy Mihm-Herold, Rachelle Howe, Ruth Bolinger, Sue Severson and Penny Ingles

CALL TO ORDER

RWIB Chair, Sally Falb, called the joint quarterly meeting of the RWIB/CEO Boards to order at 4:32 p.m. on July 29, 2014 at Keystone AEA, Elkader, IA. A voice roll call was taken. It was noted that a quorum was present of both boards. Sally welcomed all and introductions were made. Penny Ingles was present to take minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Agenda: Askelson/Bowden/Unanimous

Independent Contractor Agreement for board support with Keystone AEA: Fern introduced Penny Ingles and talked about the agreement/cost. Koppes/Madlom/Unanimous

RWIB/CEO Minutes of April 29, 2014: Askelson/Dolf/Unanimous

Oath of Office for RWIB re-appointments was administered by Falb to Candace Drahn, Ann Hart, and Revelyn Lonning. Due to absence of Dan White, oath will be administered at later date.

PY 14 Budget Splits: Fern discussed the Preliminary Draft Budget Estimate. She noted that the board might see transfers between Dubuque and Decorah (Adult/Dislocated Worker) at the next quarterly meeting.
Strub/Madlom/Unanimous

PY 14 Performance Measures: Ron shared the state negotiated performance goals. Koppes/Jones/Unanimous
Sally shared a letter of support for the DEI (Disability Employment Initiative) Grant for the board's information.

Nomination Committee nominated Les Askelson as chair to replace Sally Falb when she retires September 15, 2014. Strub/Bowden/Unanimous

RWIB Executive Board Members: Les Askelson, Chair; Ron Koppes, Vice Chair and Candace Drahn.
Strub/Bowden/Unanimous

CEO BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Chair Jason Bryne called CEO Board to order at 4:54 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding the candidates for Recommendation of Appointment – July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. Bryne read the qualifications for Vicki Rowland and Cheri Caffrey. Motion Dolf/second Strub to nominate Vicki Rowland to the County Elected RWIB position. Carried.

Motion Strub/second Dolf to forward the nomination to the governor for appointment. Carried.

BOARD REPORTS

RWIB Chair Update: Sally noted that she had resigned from the State Board. Fern stated that Sally had served on the RAB beginning in 1998 and then to the RWIB since 2000.

State Liaison: Ted Harms thanked Sally for her years of service. He noted that with new state legislation, the manual is being revised.

IowaWORKS Report: Ron gave report on Performance Levels. (see handout) He noted that we are at $\frac{3}{4}$ year and are over 100%. Final report should be available at the next meeting. Fern discussed the Northeast Iowa Report. Soy Basics, Quad Graphics, Job Fair, etc., as well as comments from workshops held in Dubuque and Decorah and WIA Youth Success Stories (see handout). Marla also shared the ECI Newsletter and a map of Iowa Unemployment Rates by County – June 2014.

Youth Career Connect Grant: Wendy Mihm-Herold thanked Sally for her years of service as well. She discussed in length the Youth CareerConnect Grant. This will provide students with the education and training that combines academic and career-focused curriculum to increase students' employability skills. Employer partners will provide work-based learning, job shadowing, and mentoring opportunities to ensure students' learning is relevant. She estimates 177 students in the next 4 years will use the career pathway to enter high-demand industries such as information technology, health care, and other STEM-related and manufacturing fields. Students will be able to participate in education and training that leads to college credit or certificate towards employment. Ron and Fern will hire career coaches in the spring.

Discussion followed of a field memo regarding using gap tuition before WIA.

Experience Works: Ruth Bolinger discussed in length Experience Works. This is a special service helping employ people over 55 years of age, looking to reenter the workforce after extended leaves, or under-employed over 55. Average age of applicants for this program is 76.

Legislative Update: New legislation - July 2015.

FLOOR ITEMS/CLOSURE:

The board presented Sally with a plaque of appreciation for years of service and a gift.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be on October 28, 2014.

There being no further business actions to come before this board, motion Koppes/second Madlom to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Penny Ingles at Keystone Area Education Agency at 563.245.1480 or pingles@aea1.k12.ia.us. The above constitutes my interpretation of the matters discussed and the decisions reached. Please contact the undersigned for any corrections or omissions.

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