

AEA 11 Board of Directors

6445 Corporate Drive

Johnston, Iowa

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

WORK SESSION MINUTES

BOARD WORK SESSION

Board President Ms. Ann Wilson called the work session of the Heartland Board of Directors to order at 3:05 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dr. Jane Bell, Dr. Earl Bridgewater, Mr. Bruce Christensen, Ms. Marcy Sparks, Mr. Nels Turnquist and Ms. Ann Wilson *Absent:* Dr. George Jackson

Dr. Steve Rose and Ms. Margaret Borgen arrived at 4:00 p.m.

Administrative Staff Present: Ms. Laura Gillon, Dr. Maxine Kilcrease and Ms. Jenny Ugolini

Print Shop Tour

Board members took a tour of the Agency's new print and production facilities located at the Johnston 6500 Corporate Drive office.

Teaching of Reading

Ms. Sharon Kurns, Ms. Wendy Robinson and Ms. Kim Thuente were present to discuss reading instruction. The Agency has four reading consultants, two Reading Recovery teacher leaders and professional learning and leadership consultants who are available to work with districts on literacy for curriculum, instruction and assessment. The Agency also offers a variety of professional development opportunities for teachers that include site-based trainings, catalog courses and Instructional Decision-Making (IDM). Documents were also shared that gave samples of professional development opportunities for specific grade level teachers.

Board members were given time to ask questions such as:

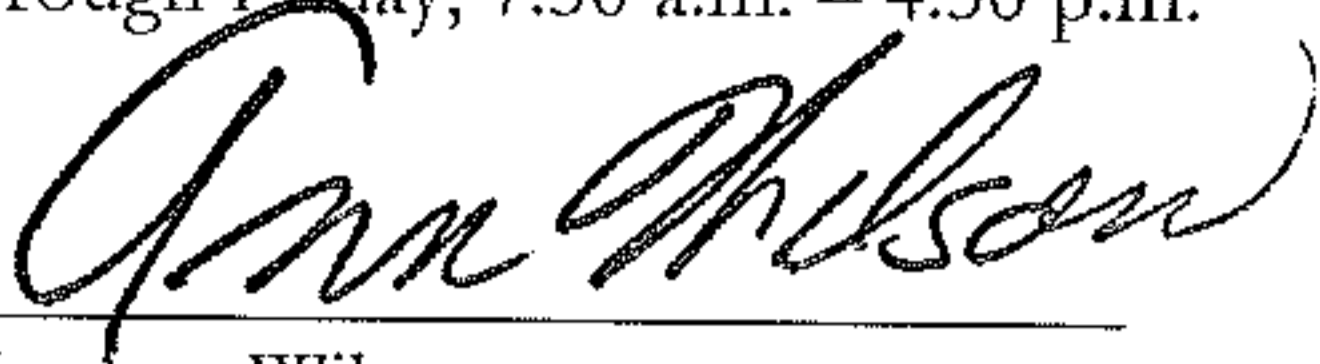
- How do you approach districts that have a strong second language population?
Some teachers are learning a second language, and Heartland offers Spanish classes. A large number of teachers and staff take those courses. The Agency also has a sheltered structured program that helps teachers work with non-English speaking students.
- How does Perry, with its diverse population, rate in areas of reading?
At the elementary level, Perry was a school in need of assistance. That designation has been deferred, and the Agency will continue to offer assistance. Perry has made changes to accommodate changes in student population.
- How does reading align with the Core Curriculum?
This is a charge of the Reading Core Team. The Agency will work with districts on alignment. Even though there are not a lot of catalog courses, it's mainly because districts have gone to site-based classes. Districts have become wise in making sure courses and trainings are coordinated.

Reading consultation remains one of the areas of greatest demand across the Agency. Research has been done that demonstrates clear results are taking place. Ms. Kurns will have additional materials put on Basecamp for Board members to access.

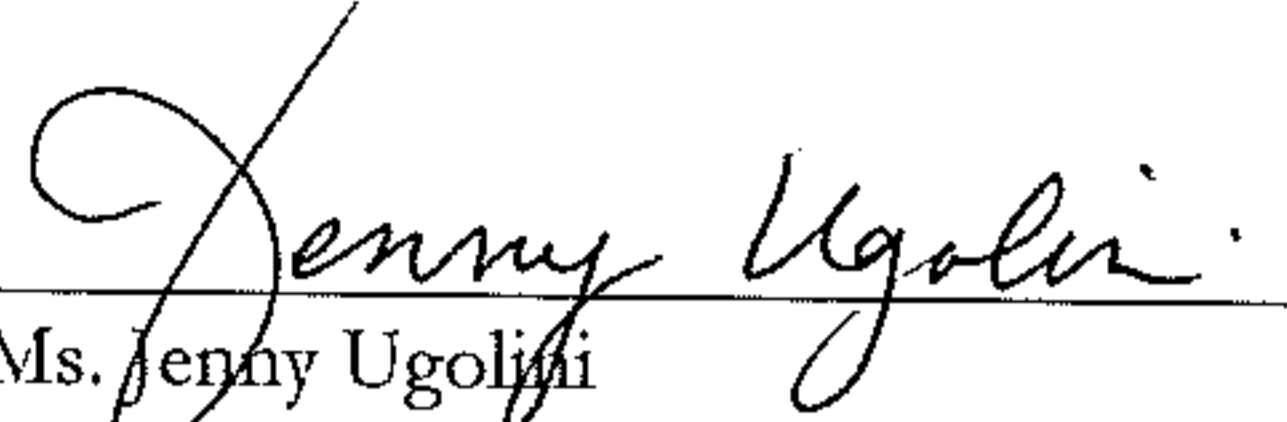
Collecting Year 2 North Star Data

Board members were given time to complete the North Star Data survey.

Reports and documents are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 515/270-9030 ext. 14441, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Ms. Ann Wilson
Board President



Ms. Jenny Ugolini
Board Secretary

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