



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, July 27, 2023

10:00AM to Noon

Location: Waverly-Shell Rock High School

Board Members Present

Bev Burns Keystone AEA	X	Heather Fransen RSM, LLP		Marla Loecke IowaWORKS	
Sue Burrack Waldorf University	V	Gena Gesing Northeast Iowa Community College		Jeanette Moore-Loggins Alliant Energy	
Lisa Chizek Iowa State University		Seth Harms West Delaware High School		Allison Plunkett (Vice-Chair) John Deere	
Kendra Crooks Extension and Outreach	X	Doreen Hayek (Chair) University of Northern Iowa	X		
Larry Escalada University of Northern Iowa		Jeff Jacobs TDS Automation	X	Anderson Sainci City of Dubuque	V

X – Present

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke, Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub, Ann Gritzner, Iowa STEM Council and Jeff Weld, Iowa STEM Council.

Meeting Summary

Doreen called the board meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Doreen noted, the group has not met during the summer.

Communications Working Group Report

No report.

STEM Council Youth Advisory Committee

No report.

STEM Council Equity Committee

Anderson mentioned the committee has not met over the summer months.

Budget/Expenditures

Beneke presented the fiscal year 2023 year-end financial statement and the fiscal year 2024 budget for the Northeast Iowa STEM Region.

Scale-Up Programming

Beneke noted, training sessions for the 2022-23 Scale-Up programs are occurring. Board members are invited to attend the sessions.

The Iowa STEM Council is seeking proposals from organizations interested in scaling a program in 2024-2025 to provide high-quality STEM education offerings to schools, afterschool programs and other settings for grades PreK through 12. The application opens August 8 and will close September 12.

STEM Committees

Board members interested in serving on a review committee(s) for the Scale-Up Program, I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award, STEM BEST, etc. should contact Jeff.

STEM Festivals

The Northeast Iowa STEM Hub is planning to host a STEM festival in Manchester in October.

Future Meeting Dates/Locations

Meetings will be held at various locations throughout the region. Remaining meeting dates for FY2024 include;

- September 27
- November 17
- January 23
- March 27
- May 22

Year-End Report – Northeast STEM Region

Beneke provided a copy of the Northeast Iowa STEM Hub's FY2023 year-end report to Board members.

Appointment of the 2023-24 Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Jeff emailed Board members soliciting nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Motion by Kendra, seconded by Sue, to appoint Doreen Hayek as Board Chair and Allison Plunkett as Board Vice-Chair for the 2023-24 Northeast Iowa STEM Regional Advisory Board. Motion Carried.

Updates from the Iowa STEM Council

Dr. Weld noted, July 18 was the 12th birthday of the Iowa STEM Council. On July 1, the Iowa STEM Council transitioned to the Iowa Department of Education. The Summit planned for September 25 has been postponed to March of 2024. Everyone is welcome to join the STEM Council on Sunday, August 20 at STEM DAY at the State Fair. The Council will be located on the grand concourse between 9AM and 4PM. The 2023 recipients of the I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award will be recognized at noon.

Nominations for the 2024 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher award will open August 20.

Announcement(s)

STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair will take place on Sunday, August 20. The I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award nominations will open also on August 20.

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
Scale-Up Program Provider RFP opened	August 8	NA	Virtual
STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair	August 20	All Day	Des Moines
I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award Nominations Opens	August 20	NA	NA
Scale-Up Program Provider RFP closes	September 12	11:59 PM	NA
Northeast Regional STEM Advisory Board meeting	September 27	TBD	TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27.