



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Friday, May 19, 2023
10:30AM to Noon

Location: Turkey Valley Community Schools, Jackson Junction

Board Members Present

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

X – Present

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke, Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub and Carrie Rankin, Iowa STEM Council.

Presentation and tour of the Turkey Valley School Greenhouse (STEM BEST awardee).

Meeting Summary

Doreen called the board meeting to order at 10:40AM.

Updates from the Iowa STEM Council

Across Iowa, the Hubs received a record number of requests for Scale-Up programming. This summer, the externship program will have 80 teachers participating. The next Summit will be held September 25 in Des Moines. The Council is still transitioning from the University of Northern Iowa to the Iowa Department of Education. STEM Day at the State Fair is August 20.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Doreen noted the group did not meet last month.

Communications Working Group Report

Marla noted the group has not met since the last regional advisory board meeting.

STEM Council Youth Advisory Committee

No report.

STEM Council STEM for All Committee

Anderson noted the committee continues to meet, but nothing new to report.

Budget/Expenditures

As of April 30, 2023, the fiscal year 2023 year-to-date expenditures for the Northeast STEM Hub are approximately \$921,000 (approximately 92% of the overall budget).

Jeff presented the FY2024 budget draft. The Northeast Iowa STEM Hub budget for Scale-Up and STEM festivals will be \$680,167.

Scale-Up Programming

Jeff shared the list of virtual and in-person trainings offered this summer to educators awarded Scale-Up programs. Board members are invited to attend anyone of the training sessions. Please let Jeff know if you are interested in attending a session.

Jeff shared a document showing the number of applications submitted and awarded by organization/school. The Hub received applications from 26 new organizations. The Hub awarded Scale-Up programs to 136 of the 269 applications.

STEM Festivals

The Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival occurred March 21 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. The festival had 66 exhibits and had 1,627 participants. The festival report was presented to the Board.

The Dubuque Area Family STEM festival was held April 20 at Clarke University in Dubuque. The festival had 37 exhibits and had 1,180 participants. The festival report was presented to the Board.

Jeff shared a map of the region which identified the location of all past STEM festivals conducted by the Northeast Iowa STEM Hub. Future festival locations will be discussed during the next Board meeting.

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
Northeast Regional STEM Advisory Board meeting	July 27	10:00 to 1:00 PM	Waverly
STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair	August 20	All Day	Des Moines
Summit	September 25	All Day	Des Moines

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27 in Waverly.