



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present

Bev Burns Keystone AEA		Heather Fransen RSM, LLP		Marla Loecke IowaWORKS	X
Sue Burrack Waldorf University		Vacant		Jeanette Moore-Loggins Alliant Energy	
Lisa Chizek Iowa State University	X	Vacant		Vacant	
Kendra Crooks Extension and Outreach	X	Vacant		Vacant	
Larry Escalada University of Northern Iowa	X	Vacant		Anderson Sainci City of Dubuque	

X – Present

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke (Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub), Tanya Hunt and Ann Gritzner (Iowa STEM Council), Doreen Hayek (University of Northern Iowa), Jeff Jacobs (TDS Automation), and Allison Plunkett (John Deere Dubuque Works).

Meeting Summary

The board meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Doreen noted the STEM Council had asked for feedback on the recent Workplace Summit. Board

members may provide their feedback to Doreen and she'll share the information during the next Chair meeting.

Doreen also noted the Scale-Up Program Provider application opens this Fall. Please share with organizations that may be interested in applying.

Budget/Expenditures

As of April 30, 2024, the year-to-date expenditures for the fiscal year 2024 for the Northeast STEM Hub are approximately \$819,894 (approximately 96% of the overall budget).

Jeff presented a draft of the FY2025 budget. The Northeast Iowa STEM Hub budget for Scale-Up and STEM festivals will be \$549,989.

Scale-Up Programs

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 any one of the training sessions. Please let Jeff know if you are interested in attending a session.

Jeff noted the Hub was able to award another four Scale-Up applications.

STEM Festivals

The Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival occurred March 19 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. The festival had 68 exhibits and had 1,848 participants. The festival report was presented to the Board.

The Dubuque Area Family STEM festival was held April 18 at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds in Dubuque. The festival had 35 exhibits and had 1,063 participants. The festival report was presented to the Board.

Jeff mentioned that he has contacted Wartburg College to begin discussing a possible STEM festival in Waverly. Also considering an event in Allamakee County.

Board Appointments

Jeff notified the board members whose terms end on June 30, 2024.

FY25 Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on August 7 in conjunction with one of the Scale-Up training sessions. The remaining meeting dates will be decided on during the August 7 meeting.

Iowa STEM Council Updates

Tanya mentioned the Iowa Department of Education hired a new Communications Director for the Iowa STEM Council. The Communications Director will start June 1.

STEM Day at the State Fair will be Sunday, August 18. The STEM Council is seeking volunteers to help at the event for 3-4 hours. Volunteers will receive one free ticket to the fair and a parking pass. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in volunteering at the State Fair.

The STEM BEST Symposium will be held in Cedar Rapids June 9-11.

Ann had mentioned, the Northeast will have 13 externs this summer. Ann also noted there will be 80 externs across the state.

Other Updates

Larry had noted the University of Northern Iowa will be hosting a workshop entitled; “**Studies in Incorporating Real World Experience in Science Curriculum**” from June 10-12.

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
STEM BEST Symposium	June 9-11	All Day	Cedar Rapids
Studies in Incorporating Real World Experience in Science Curriculum Workshop	June 10-12	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	UNI, Cedar Falls
Scale-Up Training begins	July 1	Various	Various
Regional Board meeting	August 7	10:00 AM to Noon	TBD
STEM Day at the State Fair	August 18	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	State Fairgrounds, Des Moines

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7.