THE BRIDGE
LEARNING CENTER

November 3rd, Agenda
8:00 AM
In Person at the AEA Building

1. Call to Order- called to order at 8:02
2. Roll Call-
    a. Present: Josh Ehn, Erik Smith, Jen Vance, and Micah Gearhart: Absent: Joe Griffith
    b. Guests: Annette Hyde, Amy Holst and Barb Schwamman
3. Approval of Agenda- Motion by Ehn, second by Vance (passed 4-0)
4. Communication Reports
    a. Amy Holst
        i. Mrs. Holst reported that one student has transitioned to an outside placement. Staff continue to evaluate responses and supports for students who become dysregulated. Students are also demonstrating increased stamina for academic activities.
    b. Annette Hyde
        i. Mrs. Hyde gave an update on the renovation project (see below).
    c. Micah Gearhart
        i. Mr. Gearhart gave an update on the process and steps for requesting administrative fees from the SBRC and gave an update on the wait list process.
5. Renovation Update:
    Sheetrock work is complete, and painting is beginning. Cabinets are scheduled to arrive November 16. Remaining items include the windows, additional Acrovyn wall panels for the multipurpose space, and padding for the recovery room.
6. Fiscal Review of Purchases to Date:
    The executive committee reviewed all of the DCCP costs to date for The Bridge Learning Center.
7. Teach To Heal Request-
    a. The Executive Committee discussed onsite coaching and RNR training for the 2026–27 school year. The proposed cost is $4,000 per day, plus lodging, for two days of onsite coaching and training. The training would focus on the RNR protocol, providing staff with a consistent approach for responding when a

student becomes dysregulated. The onsite coaching would be provided by Teacher to Heal Motion by Smith, second by Ehn (Passed 4-0)

b. The Executive Committee also discussed future professional development needs, including the possibility of three days of LSCI training or sending an individual to become LSCI certified in a “train the trainer” model for consideration in the 2027–28 budget.

8. Court Order Placements

   The Executive Committee discussed procedures for students who transition from the Bridge Learning Center to a court-ordered placement, including PMIC. The committee reviewed the resident district's responsibility to provide educational services when a student is no longer receiving services through the Bridge. The agreed-upon procedure is to discontinue billing when the student is no longer present. TBLC will hold the student's placement for up to 10 days for medically excused absences, release the placement when the student enters a PMIC, or an IEP meeting documents a change in placement, whichever occurs first.

9. Staffing Consideration- Interventionist

   The Executive Committee discussed the staffing plan for an interventionist. The goal is to post and fill the position by December to allow time for onboarding and training, including opportunities for staff to visit the LIED Center. Establishing this position will strengthen The Bridge Learning Center's ability to respond to students who become dysregulated while allowing classroom teachers to maintain instruction. Having the position in place will also help prepare The Bridge to expand its capacity and accept additional student placements beginning in mid-January, following the transition to the new facility.Motion by Smith, second by Vance (4-0)

10. Fence Discussion

    The Executive Committee discussed fencing options for the perimeter of the designated play area at The Bridge Learning Center. The discussion included installing chain-link fencing around the play area, along with the possibility of adding a section of privacy fencing adjacent to the building to provide additional screening and separation.

11. Next Meeting: December 1, 2026 @ 8:00 AM
    a. In Person: AEA Building
12. Items for next month’s agenda
    a. LSCI Training
    b. Onboarding and exiting procedures
    c. Professional Learning (June Dates)

Consortium Schools: Allamakee, Central, Decorah, Eastern Allamakee, MFL Mar Mac, New Hampton, North Fayette Valley, Oelwein, Postville, Starmont, Sumner Fredericksburg, Turkey Valley, West Central and West Delaware.

13. Adjournment - 9:15 AM Motion by Vance, second by Smith (4-0)