

South Valley & Rural Cass Multi-District Special Education Joint Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 10:00 AM – Central Cass & Zoom Video

Board Members Present:

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| Chad Benson, Zoom | Philip French Zoom |
| Steve Hall, zoom | Mike Kolness |
| Dan Warcken, Zoom | Morgan Forness |
| Jenna Farkas | |
| Justin fryer, Zoom | |
| Jay Decann, Zoom | |
| Chris Larson | |

Also Present: John Porter, Director Melanie Moffet, Bus Mgr, zoom
Brenna Janke, Bus Mgr, zoom

- 1. Call to order** at 10:04 by Chad Benson.
- 2. Agenda Approval:** Morgan/ Justin motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes.
- 3. Approve the Minutes-** Motion to approve minutes from November Joint Meeting made by Larson/Decann.
- 4. Unfinished & New Business**

Director Evaluation- Morgan Forness attended the director evaluation meeting because Steiner was unavailable. Forness summarizes the compiled results of the Director's evaluation. Porter thanks everyone for their support and expresses his appreciation for everyone on both boards being able to work together for the good of the units. Benson comments that he appreciates that Porter involves the superintendents in all the decision making and he is very transparent. A motion to approve the satisfactory evaluation was made by Steiner/Farkas. Motion carries.

Shared Director Agreement- The recommendation for the director position is for it to continue to be a 50/50 split in the contract for Porter's Director position. Rural Cass supports working together and realizes the Rural Cass Unit is growing in the special education area and has tried to hire support within their schools.

Shared School psychologist Agreement- Rural Cass Employs the School Psyches and bills South Valley for the shared service. Porter discusses staying competitive with their salary schedule. The salary schedule has been changed to \$1275 per step. Fryer, Larson and Steiner were on the committee working with the salary schedule.

Solutions Academy - Central Cass now has a room to house the Solutions Behavior Academy. Kindred still has an available room as well. The board discusses the two options. Central Cass has experience in running the program and has pathways for the program, however, Kindred can solidify a future of 4 to 5 years of use of the room. The board agrees to move the program to Kindred.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34