

South Valley Multi-District Special Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024 – 10: 40 AM – Zoom

Directors Present: Chris Larson, President Chad Benson, zoom
Justin Fryer, zoom
Steve Hall, zoom Phil French zoom
Jay DeCann, zoom Daniel Warcken, zoom

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chad Benson called the South Valley Board meeting to order at 10:41

AGENDA APPROVAL: Addition to agenda: Mental Health Counselor Grant. A motion to approve the amended agenda is made by Warcken/ Fryer. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Hall/ Warcken approve the Consent Agenda which includes the board meeting minutes, bills, check registers, and financial reports, and the Audit for 22 and 23.

UNFINISHED & NW BUSINESS

Director Evaluation- The results are reviewed from the compiled Directors evaluation. John has a very favorable evaluation. The board thanks him for all his hard work and collaboration. Warcken / French motion to approve the positive evaluation for Porter. Motion Passes.

Shared Director Contract- The board discusses a 50/50 shared contract for John Porter to be the Director of both South Valley and Rural Cass Special Ed Units. Warcken/ Fryer motion to approve the continued sharing agreement with Rural Cass. Motion carries.

Budget Draft- Porter presents a draft budget for 2024-25. The implementation and payment of the units shared Solutions Room in Kindred for next year is an item that is discussed. Does the board want to put that additional cost into the current assessments or bill a separate assessment for the solutions behavior room at Kindred? Porter suggests the units could also use the Behavior Health Grant instead of using it toward the mental health counselors at each school. The board agrees that they want to use some behavior health grant for the Solutions Room.

Solutions Room Update- There are two applicants for the Solution Room teacher so far. The Kindred location is agreed upon to move forward to begin planning for next school year.

Para/ Driver Wage Scale- Traditionally the board has taken off the first step and moved everything up. A motion to remove the first step and move second step to the base for para and increase the drivers to \$17.15 motion made by Dan Warcken/ Fryer. Motion passes.

ESY/ Para -The current rate for ESY teachers is \$33 an hour. Warcken motions to move salary to \$35, Phil French seconds, motion passes.

School Psych Salary Schedule- Motion to continue to share the 50/50 with Rural Cass Special Education for the school Psych contracts. Fryer motions/ Hall seconds. Motion passes.

ESY Assessment and Pre-K assessment- Janke will send invoices.

Dyslexia flow chart- Porter will send out to principals and superintendents.

PT/ OT SEEC Medicaid Stipend- SLPs were approved to get a stipend for Medicaid work at the last board meeting. At that time outside entities were excluded. Porter is asking for consideration for the OT/ PT staff who are employed by SEEC to get the same stipends at the level of the SLPs. copy in the steps for students. Decann/Hall Motion to add the stipends to the OT / PT staff. Motion carries.

Behavior Health Grant- Porter explains a spreadsheet to show the mental health counselor reimbursements. He requests that each school turn in the 3 quarter receipts if they haven't.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- No additional report

Personnel- No additional report

Finance- No additional report

Transportation- No additional report

Negotiations- No additional report

The next South Valley meeting will be on May 15,2024 in Wydnmere at 10:00

The meeting adjourned at 11:13.