

South Valley Multi-District Special Education

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2024 –10:00 AM – Zoom

Directors Present: Chris Larson, Chad Benson
Britney Gandhi Ryan Moser
Justin Fryer Steve Johnson
Chris Bastian Jay DeCann
Phil French
Daniel Warcken

Also Present: John Porter, Director, Brenna Janke, Bus Mgr
Dawn Miller, Matt Ashburn, Jessie Regner, Haley Schaller, and Lindsey Lugsch

CALL TO ORDER: President Chis Larson called the South Valley Board meeting to order at 10:01. The meeting will be recorded.

AGENDA APPROVAL: A motion to approve the agenda is made by Gandhi/Decann. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS

Shared Contract for SV and SEEC Director-

Motion to approve the South Valley Contracts with South Valley, John Porter and SEEC for the shared services and employment of John Porter made by Fryer/ Gandhi. Board Discussion. Johnson discusses the amount of salary and the SEEC contract compared to others in similar positions in the state. Bensons comments that he trusts the people that have negotiated the contract and Porter's contract has been approved every year by the South Valley and Rural Cass Board.

Roll call Vote:

Ryan Moser, yes. Chris Bastian, Yes. Steve Johnson, No. Jay DeCann, yes. Justin Fryer, Yes. Chad Benson, Yes. Britney Gandhi, Yes. Phil French, No. Dan Warcken, Yes. Chris Larson, Yes.

Assistant Director Position- Porter discusses if an Assistant Director will be hired and what the qualifications would be. He foresees the position is mostly programmatic and the budget and finances would largely remain with Porter. The board discusses what their vision is for the assistant position now and into the future. Porter walks the board through the Director job description highlighting the parts he believes could be performed by the newly hired assistant.

Steve Johnson motions to advertise the position as a South Valley position, with a job description created by Porter, and then a committee along with a few members of Rural Cass Special Ed Unit will interview qualified candidates and make a recommendation to the full board. Seconded by Warcken. Benson asks for all board members to have the ability to attend interviews and review the applications. Porter discusses the range of salary in the job description. Motion Carries. Johnson votes against his own motion.

Committee for hiring the assistant director will be made up of Chad Benson, Jay DeCann, Daniel Warcken, and Phil French. Porter will discuss with Rural Cass who would like to join.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41