

# South Valley Multi-District Special Education

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Wyndmere Public School

Directors Present:     **Chris Larson, President**                     **Chad Benson**  
                                 **Justin Fryer, zoom**                                     **Ryan Moser, zoom**  
                                 **Steve Johnson, zoom**                                   **Britney Gandhi**  
                                 **Daniel Warcken, zoom**                                   **Jay DeCann**  
                                 **Steve Hall, zoom**  
                                 **Phil French, zoom dropped off 10:20**  
                                 **Chris Bastian**

Also Present:             John Porter, Director                     Brenna Janke, Bus Mgr  
                                 Andrea Johnson, Assistant Director             Paul Fitzgerald, zoom  
                                 Melissa Heley

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Chris Larson called the South Valley Board meeting to order at 10:01

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** A motion to approve the agenda with Case Manager reports added is made by Benson/ DeCann. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Johnson/ Gandhi approve the Consent Agenda which includes the board meeting minutes, bills, check registers, and financial reports from Nov & Dec, as well as a new mileage rate and the pledged asset report for December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Teachers Intent to Negotiate- The unit received a petition for request of appropriate negotiating unit submitted by the SV teachers. Bastian motions Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10 the Board of South Valley Special Education Unit recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed by the board with the exception of the Director, psychologist, OTR, Paraprofessionals, SLPP, SLP intern, LD, drivers, and/or resident teachers. Fryer Seconds. Motion Passes.

The SV teachers also submitted a petition for the representative organization. Bastian motions to accept the negotiated unit and post the notice of acceptance. Fryer Seconds. Motions passes.

- b.** SEEC Business management services- A new contract for SEEC business services is presented. The cost remains the same, but this contract is for 18 months to bring the contract to a renewal cycle of July- June for the next contract period. Motion to approve contract is made by DeCann/ Moser. Motions carries.
- c.** Shared Director- Discussion about the special education shared director. There is discussion about how the structure of both Johnson and Porter's positions are working. The board discusses if the contracts look the same and who should hold the contract next year. Johnson gives her perspective on how well the partnership between her and Porter is working. At this time there is no action being taken, however in the March meeting the board will need to decide.
- d.** PreK ADM – There were a few changes on the PreK ADM and school size factor. Janke will send invoices to business managers.
- e.** ESY- Updated figures are presented. Janke will send an invoice to business managers.
- f.** Solutions Room Update- There are now three students attending the program. A new student started in January and another new student in February. There is an advertisement for another para position for the room posted. The Behavior Health grant may have to increase its budgeted amount toward the solutions room if more staffing expenses occur which would lower the budget available for the counselor's expenses at the schools.
- g.** Case Management- Johnson put together case management spreadsheets and has sent those out to the schools.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy-** No additional report

**Personnel-** No additional report

**Finance-** No additional report

**Transportation-** No additional report

**Negotiations-** No Report

**The next South Valley meeting will be March 12, 9:00 in Wyndmere.**

**Motion to adjourn Benson/DeCann. Motion Carries**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.**