

Minutes: January 2024 Board Meeting

Rural Cass County Multi-District Special Education Unit

The Rural Cass County Multi-District Special Education Board met at 1:00pm on January 10th in Central Cass. Present were Cory Steiner, Mike Kolness, Jenna Farkas, Morgan Forness (board members); John Porter (Director), Melanie Moffet (Business Manager) and Michelle Kyser, Haley Schaller and Tyler Nelson (Teacher Representatives).

Agenda Additions: none

Announcements: none

Minutes:

Minutes for the November meeting were presented for approval. Forness/Farkas motioned to approve the minutes. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

Approval of Check Register:

Farkas/Forness motioned to approve the check register for November and December. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

Financial Statement

Farkas/Forness motioned to approve the financial report. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

Old Business:

New Business:

- a. **SLP/OT/PT Medicaid billing stipend**—Forness/Farkas to approve handing in student numbers and proof of licensure in April. It will include SLP and OTs. Retroactive minus licensure this year. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

| Students billing | Payment |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1-5 | \$750 |
| 6-10 | \$1,000 |
| 11-15 | \$1250 |
| 16+ | \$1,500 |

- b. **Vision Teacher**—If there is a need we will contract and see at the end of the year.
- c. **Academy for challenging behaviors in Kindred**—Currently contracting through Solutions. Would add a Teacher Coordinator through SEEC and Behavioral Para with PERS, FICA and Insurance. Possible budget of \$172,000 split with SV.
- d. **School Psych Update**—presented to students regarding openings; would we support a teacher getting a degree?
- e. **Staffing Update**—Elementary opening in CC; SLP in NC; Dyslexia credential may be required in the future should it be at the unit level?

Forness/Kolness motioned to approve the resignation of Tyler Nelson at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

- f. **Issuing Contracts**—Forness/Farkas motioned to issue contracts March 1. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

Cory Steiner, President

Melanie Moffet, Business Manager