

# **Minutes: March 2025 Board Meeting**

## **Rural Cass County Multi-District Special Education Unit**

The Rural Cass County Multi-District Special Education Board met at 11:00am on Wednesday, March 12th in Wyndmere. Present were Mike Kolness, Jenna Farkas(zoom), Morgan Forness-ran meeting (board members); John Porter, Andrea Johnson (Directors), Melanie Moffet (Business Manager) and Matt Ashburn(Teacher Rep); Linsey Holten (Teacher Rep-zoom).

Agenda Additions: Announcements: none

### Minutes:

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

Approval of Check Register: Farkas/Kolness motioned to approve the check register for November/December. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

### Old Business:

### New Business:

#### **a. Director evaluations—**

--Farkas/Kolness motioned to approve the evaluation for Andrea Johnson. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

--Kolness/Farkas motioned to approve the evaluation for John Porter. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

#### **b. South Valley/Rural Cass shared Director-**

--Farkas/Kolness motioned to have South Valley to hold the Co-Director contract for Andrea Johnson and to bill Rural Cass(50/50) pending negotiations. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

– Kolness/Farkas motioned to have South Valley to hold the Co-Director contract for John Porter and to bill Rural Cass and SEEC(70/30-no change from prior year) pending negotiations. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

#### **c. PATH targeted Case management-Presentation on providing PATH services in school districts. Identifying and referring families. Costs would be taken on by RCC adding to budget. No state or federal funding.**

#### **d. Staffing for 2024-25**

#### **e. Stipend for extra duties-Farkas/ Kolness motioned stipends to cover case management in NC for resigned teacher and case management for teacher out on leave in CC. \$1,800 for 1 teacher in NC and \$1,800 split by 3 teachers in CC not to set future precedence. All members voted in favor; motion passed**

#### **f. Solutions Room Update -3 students currently. One more coming. Kindred is still has room. South Valley voted to continue to support.**

-Farkas/Kolness motioned to continue to support the Solutions Room. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

#### **g. Staffing Update—Farkas/Kolness motioned to approve the resignation of Kristina Heinle at the end of the school year. All members voted in favor; motion passed.**

-Farkas/Kolness motioned to offer a contract to Rebecca if she retains certification for Fall 2025. If no certification then longterm sub pay. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

-Kolness/ Farkas motioned to reimburse Rebecca educational expenses on a 3 year agreement as offered in the past for certification. All members voted in favor; motion passed.

Morgan Forness, Chairman

Melanie Moffet, Business Manager