

# South Valley Multi-District Special Education

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM – Milnor School

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

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

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Addition to agenda of SLP Medicaid Discussion. A motion to approve the agenda is made by Fryer/ French. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Moser/ Fryer approve the Consent Agenda which includes the board meeting minutes, bills, check registers, and financial reports. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED & NW BUSINESS**

- a. Safety Care Training Coordination- Frericks was doing safety care before she resigned. Porter approached Jen Stroh who has been involved with Safety Care to consider taking on the coordination of it. She is employed by Rural Cass Special Ed. It would take about 15 days of work. The proposed contract starting July 2024 would be for \$4,500. The contract to finish out this year would be for \$2,000. Both contracts would be split equally between the two units. Moser/ Bastian motion to approve the contracts for Stroh to do Safety Care. Motion Carries.
- b. Solutions Room Closing- Frericks resigned her position as the teacher and coordinator of the solutions room in August. Without a teacher able to be hired, the solutions room closed. They found placement in Fargo as a facility for the students needing this setting.
  - a. Para Staff Hired- A Gwinner para does the driving and stays with the two students who attend. The wage for the para paid by the unit will be \$19.00. The per pupil for the students attending the program will be paid to the unit from the schools which will offset the salary expense. French/ Fryer make a motion to approve the hiring at \$19. Motion carries.

- c. Dawn Miller would like to attend the National PBS Conference- She is a school psych in Milnor, Foreman and Casselton. She is the state PBS trainer. SEEC is paying for the travel. Rural Cass will pay \$750 toward the conference and Moser/Bastian motion for South Valley to pay \$750. Motion carries.
- d. Transportation- Porter discusses the purchase of vehicles has fallen behind in the last year. He intends to buy at least two in an auction in November. He will report back in January to see if he needs to do a budget revision to potentially add another.
- e. MOE – Porter is working on the Maintenance of Effort- actuals for expenditures that are paid by the school and not paid to the unit for 22-23.
- f. SLP & Medicaid – Porter discusses the benefits of the services being billed to Medicaid for some students. The providers must input their data into a platform for this billing. From the start the unit had agreed to pay for the licenses to make it possible for the providers to bill Medicaid. It has gotten to be more work as more students are identified and more services are being put into the platform. Porter wants the board to consider paying an additional stipend or payment to the SLPs for their work to bill Medicaid. Porter is going to do a study of how many more kids we are billing for and how much time that takes and bring it back to a future meeting in January. Porter will send this information to the personnel committee.

## **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 a Joint Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> joint Wydnmere at 10:00 and South Valley at 11:00.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:47.**