

# South Valley & Rural Cass Multi-District Special Education Joint Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 10:00 AM – Colfax & Zoom Video

Board Members Present:      Chad Benson, Zoom                      Cory Steiner  
   Chris Bastian                                      Britney Gandhi  
   Steve Hall    Mike Kolness  
   Dan Warcken, Zoom                              Chris Larson  
   Steve Johnson, zoom                              Jenna Farkas  
   Justin fryer, Zoom

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

- 1. Call to order** at 10:04 by Chris Larson.
- 2. Agenda Approval:** Gandhi/Bastian motion to approve the agenda. Motion passes.
- 3. Unfinished & New Business**

**Director Evaluation-** Larson summarizes the compiled results of the Director’s evaluation. Larson and Steiner visited Porter previously about the results and his feelings about the future. Currently, Porter believes he is not in need of a Coordinator or Asst Director. If extra help is needed, the board will look to the qualified staff inside the schools to take on more duties or increase their roles. Porter thanks everyone for their support and expresses his appreciation for everyone on both boards being able to work together for the good of the units. A motion to approve the satisfactory evaluation was made by Steiner/Farkas. Motion carries.

**Behavior Academy** - The Central Cass solutions room has been closed due to a staffing void this school year. Going forward Central Cass will not have the space to be able to re-open the program. Porter has spoken to Kindred and believes there will be space there in the next year. Porter would plan to hire a teacher/coordinator and two Registered Behavior Technicians for the program to be supervised by the current BCBA. He expects the program to continue to range from 2-5 students in the upcoming year. Porter will bring a budget to the future meetings for each individual special ed unit board to consider.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:18.**