

South Valley Multi-District Special Education

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 1:00 PM
Wyndmere Public School

Directors Present: Tom Rettig, President Steve Johnson, VP
Chad Benson Randy Cale
Dan Dalchow Chris Larson
Dan Warcken Mark Weston

Also Present: John Porter, Director Linda Bladow, Bs. Mgr.

{Directors Absent: Tim Godfrey & Brian Nelson}

CALL TO ORDER: The South Valley Board meeting was called to order by President Tom Rettig at 1:10 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL: It was moved by Chad Benson/Dan Dalchow to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Randy Cale/Chris Larson to approve the Consent Agenda which included the November minutes from the regular and joint board meetings, November-December bills, check registers, financial reports, and semi-annual pledge of assets. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS

Elementary Day Program: Area administrators were sent a survey to complete, in order to gather information on the number of students with behavior concerns in the region. Partnership interest from Sanford or Prairie for a behavior health facility with academics will be pursued. A facilitator who can dedicate leadership time will be hired, with South Valley and Rural Cass Units each committing \$500 toward the project. A potential timeline is estimated at one year to 1.5 years for building and staffing the facility. Educational teams with school psychologists will determine the criteria for placement. The planning group will continue to meet monthly on the project.

Vision Teacher: John Porter has met with Erin Storhoff, who will be doing part of her vision practicum in our joint units. Linda Kraft is her supervisor.

Preschool Assessments: The board reviewed a spreadsheet of the preschool assessments that will be billed to member districts this spring. Total assessments are \$401,892.25.

Tuition Reimbursement Issue: Barb Oden, Lidgerwood paraeducator, has a South Valley promissory note for obtaining her special ed credentials. Unable to complete the classes, she will have one year to repay the severed agreement in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Background Checks Policy & Procedure: South Valley currently performs state background checks on new unlicensed hires, but does not conduct fingerprinting or have the FBI national background check. The policy committee will be updating this policy.

