

South Valley Multi-District Special Education

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – 1:00 PM
Wyndmere Public School

Directors Present: Tom Rettig, President Steve Johnson, VP
Chad Benson Randy Cale
Dan Dalchow Dan Warcken
Chris Larson Ron Stahlecker
Mark Weston (For Doug Jacobson)
Absent: Tim Godfrey

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the South Valley Board was called to order by President Tom Rettig at 1:10 p.m. Mark Weston attended the meeting for Doug Jacobson.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Added to the agenda: DPI Student Contract Reimbursements. It was moved by Randy Cale/Dan Dalchow to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Ron Stahlecker/Chris Larson to approve the Consent Agenda which included the May board meeting minutes, bills, check registers, financial reports and annual leave report. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS

ESY Employment Agreements: It was moved by Randy Cale/Dan Dalchow to approve the 28 summer school employment agreements presented. ESY hours are completed and paid in July. Motion carried.

2017-18 Contracts Approval: It was moved by Dan Dalchow/Randy Cale to approve the 10 contracts presented for 2017-18 (as negotiated). Motion carried. Employment agreements for drivers and paraeducators will be issued in July.

Trinity Church Preschool Rental Agreement: It was moved by Ron Stahlecker/Chris Larson to approve the Trinity Church Rental Agreement for the Lisbon Preschool as presented. Rent will be based on the number of students each year @ \$560. With a current enrollment of 10 preschool students, the rental agreement will be \$5,600.00 annually.

Director Shared Service Agreement: It was moved by Randy Cale/Dan Warcken to approve the Director Shared Service Agreement with Rural Cass. Rural Cass will reimburse South Valley \$87,184.10 in 2017-18 for 40% of the services. Motion carried.

Preschool Pilot Program: Typical peers will be enrolled in the Hankinson Preschool, for half days, 4 days per week. Up to 6 peers may enroll in the morning session and 6 other peers in the afternoon. A paraeducator will need to be added. Comparable costs will be researched, and the board will vote on a rate to charge the peers at the July meeting.

Preschool ADM: Preschool ADM figures are being calculated with an estimated \$378,882. in revenue for out-of-district and preschool foundation aid. The final amounts for the districts will be sent out as soon as all data is collected.

2017-18 Budget: A draft of the 2017-18 budget was reviewed. The total annual assessment will be frozen at \$277,405. The assessment formula will be implemented to update taxable values and memberships for the districts. Resident teachers will be based in Wyndmere and Richland.

DPI Discretionary Grants/Voc Rehab: John Porter informed the board of the change in DPI discretionary funding, as each special ed unit may receive \$6000 for activities related to state systemic improvement plans. South Valley and Rural Cass will pool funds to contract services from Cris Deaver to train and assist staff on students with behavior issues. John will also prepare a Voc Rehab proposal to receive funding to help support new students aged 18-21 in community living service programs.

School Psych Credit Reimbursement: Loren Houle, School Psych, will be attending grad school to become credentialed as a board certified behavior analyst. Pursuant to policy, a three-year promissory note will be prepared in return for a stipend to pay a portion of the costs to obtain the credential.

DPI Contract Reimbursement: Special ed student contract reimbursements are no longer guaranteed as previously in ND Century Code. DPI is out of funds to reimburse our 2016-17 student contracts until July.

Board Committees:

- Finance: Tom Rettig stated the final budget will be approved in July.
- Transportation: Chad Benson updated the board on the vehicle accident – the other insurance company paid \$3476.00 for totaling the Dodge Avenger. No vehicles were purchased at the May auction, as prices were higher than book values.

The board congratulated Ron Stahlecker on his retirement, and thanked him for his 9 years of service to South Valley Special Education.

With no additional committee reports or other board business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wyndmere – July 12, 2017 – 1:00 PM – Annual Meeting

Tom Rettig, Board President

Date Approved

These minutes are subject to approval at next board meeting.

Linda Bladow

6.22.2017

Linda Bladow, Business Manager

Date Prepared