

# South Valley Multi-District Special Education

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 11:00 AM  
South Valley Conference Room – Hankinson, ND

Directors Present: Tom Rettig, President Steve Johnson, VP  
Chad Benson Doug Jacobson  
Chris Larson Ron Stahlecker

Absent: Randy Cale, Dan Dalchow, Dan Warcken, 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 11:11 a.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Added to the agenda: Trinity Lisbon Preschool Rent. It was moved by Chad Benson/Chris Larson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** It was moved by Steve Johnson/Ron Stahlecker to approve the minutes from the April conference call, February joint and regular board meetings. Motion carried. It was moved by Ron Stahlecker/Doug Jacobson to approve the remaining consent agenda items which included the bills, check registers and financial reports. Motion carried.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

**School Psychologist Update:** It was moved by Steve Johnson/Chris Larson to offer a School Psychologist contract to Matthew Ashburn. Motion carried. Cris Deaver may be consulted for mentoring if budget permits. Rural Cass has an opening for a .5 FTE School Psychologist. Psychologists may be reconfigured between the two units for travel time efficiency.

**Elementary Behavior Program Facility:** Without funding from DPI Discretionary Grants or from SEEC, the project was tabled. John Porter will continue exploring grant writing opportunities in search of any available funds for this program that would serve both South Valley and Rural Cass units.

**Credit Reimbursement Policy:** It was moved by Ron Stahlecker/Steve Johnson to approve the revised Non-Credentialed Teaching Positions Policy. Motion carried. South Valley will reimburse South Valley staff as well as member district staff for approved special ed credential tuition and class materials at the discretion of the director.

**Extended School Year (ESY) Plan:** The board reviewed the special ed summer school students and staffing list. It was moved by Chris Larson/Ron Stahlecker to issue the ESY employment agreements: Teachers: \$30.00/hour, SLPP: \$21.55/hour, Paras: \$11.15/hour, Drivers: \$12.00/hour. Motion carried.

**2017-19 Negotiated Agreement – Contracts To Issue:** It was moved by Chad Benson/Doug Jacobson to issue 2017-18 teachers' contracts based upon the 2017-19 Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried. It was then moved by Ron Stahlecker/Doug Jacobson to approve issuing 2017-18 agreements to Loren Houle, John Porter, Peg IntVeld and Linda Bladow as presented. Motion carried.

**2017-18 Wage Scale:** It was moved by Ron Stahlecker/Steve Johnson to approve the 2017-18 Para/SLPP Wage Scale as presented. Motion carried. It was then moved by Ron Stahlecker/Chad Benson to set the drivers' rate of pay at \$12.25 per hour. Motion carried.

**Preliminary Budget Draft:** A rough draft of the 2017-18 budget was reviewed. Preschool ADMs will be needed to calculate foundation aid revenue. The budget will be updated with approved salaries and benefits for the June board meeting.

**Preschool Pilot Program:** The federal government is requesting that special ed preschool programs include typical peers. The board agreed to pursue this inclusion model at the Hankinson Preschool. John Porter will meet with Amber Mattson to set up the criteria. Annual tuition will be charged to compensate for an additional para. More information will be available at the June or July board meeting.

**Preschool ADM:** Board members were reminded to report their Preschool ADM as soon as possible, for budgeting purposes.

**2017 Audit Bid Approval:** It was moved by Chris Larson/Chad Benson to approve Nadine Julson's audit bid in the amount of \$2900.00 for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Motion carried.

**Trinity Lisbon Preschool Rent:** It was moved by Doug Jacobson/Chris Larson to have John Porter negotiate a new lease with Trinity Lutheran Church for 2017-18. Motion carried. There will not be a second afternoon session at the Lisbon Preschool, so less space will be required.

**Board Committees:**

- Transportation – Chad Benson informed the board of the student transportation vehicle accident in Fargo on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Three insurance companies are involved in the liability decisions.

With no additional committee reports or other board business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wyndmere – June 21, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Tom Rettig, Board President	Date Approved
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These minutes are subject to approval at next board meeting.

<i>Linda Bladow</i>	<i>5.10.2017</i>
Linda Bladow, Business Manager	Date Prepared