

South Valley Multi-District Special Education

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2017 – 10:00 AM
Wyndmere Public School

Directors Present:	Steve Johnson, VP Chad Benson Dan Dalchow Dan Warcken Mark Weston	Brian Nelson Randy Cale Tim Godfrey Chris Larson
		Absent: Tom Rettig, President
Also Present:	John Porter, Director	Linda Bladow, Bs. Mgr.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the South Valley Board was called to order by Vice-President Steve Johnson in the absence of President Tom Rettig. Brian Nelson was welcomed to the board.

AGENDA APPROVAL: It was moved by Randy Cale/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 July annual board meeting minutes, July-August bills, check registers, and financial reports. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS

Employment Agreements: It was moved by Randy Cale/Chad Benson to approve the half-time school psychologist employment agreement for Marsha Bittner, servicing Lisbon and North Sargent. Motion carried. Rural Cass will be billed for school psychologist services provided by South Valley. It was moved by Dan Dalchow/Chris Larson to approve the employment agreements presented for paraeducators and drivers, including a new half-time para, Brooke Tayer, for the preschool in Gwinner; and a new part-time preschool driver, Vicki Heley, for a Hankinson preschool route from Richland. Motion carried.

Preschool Peers Pilot Program: Two typical peers have started at the preschool in Hankinson. More peers may be enrolled as the program continues, and tuitions will be assessed accordingly.

State Systemic Improvement Plan Goals: A report was sent to the districts in August on the updated goals for AdvancED accreditation. Information has been submitted and approved by DPI.

Out of State Travel Requests: John Porter has received two requests for national conferences. Loren Houle has requested to attend the national school psychologist conference in Chicago, and Alexie Adair has requested to attend the ASHA conference in Los Angeles. Past board practice was to allow one employee per year to attend a national conference at an approved dollar limit. It was moved by Randy Cale/Brian Nelson to approve Alexie Adair's request to attend the ASHA conference with a maximum reimbursement of \$1,250.00. Motion carried.

Bus Drivers' Workshop: South Valley has arranged for the ND Safety Council to present the bus drivers workshop in Wyndmere on September 27th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Randy Cale announced the Gwinner workshop is scheduled for October 11th. SEEC will be contacted to possibly set up future bus drivers' workshops.

2016-17 Audit: Nadine Julson has completed the audit field work, and the report should be available for the November board meeting.

Vision Teacher: ND Vision Services consultant, Linda Kraft, is available to assist schools with vision impaired students on a monthly basis. However, when students need braille instruction, a vision teacher is required. There are two students who may need braille services, one in South Valley and one in Rural Cass. John Porter has been contacted by a potential vision teacher candidate who will be interning next fall. He will keep in contact with her, for the possibility of a shared service agreement with Rural Cass.

Elementary Day Program: John Porter updated the board on the elementary day program meetings recently attended along with Chris Larson, and representatives from Fargo, West Fargo, Wahpeton, Rural Cass and SEEC. They are researching a possible elementary school with ten students per grade (K-6). Possible service expansion of Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch was discussed. Arbor Blue is a similar program in Minneapolis.

Stolen Vehicle: On August 23rd, Christy Anderson reported that her South Valley vehicle had been stolen. The 2008 Dodge Avenger was found with no major damage. Ransom County authorities apprehended the thief.

Board Committees: No reports.

With no other board business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Kindred – November 8, 2017 – 10:00 AM – Rural Cass Joint Meeting
South Valley Board meeting to follow at approx. 11:00 AM

Tom Rettig, Board President

Date Approved

These minutes are subject to approval at next board meeting.

Linda Bladow

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Linda Bladow, Business Manager

Date Prepared