**VERMILION ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**15009 Catlin-Tilton Rd**

**Tilton, IL 61833**

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Monday, June 2, 2025 10:00 AM

ROE, 200 S. College Suite B, Danville, IL 61832

**AGENDA**

Presiding – Mr. Jim Owens – Vice-Chairperson

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Recognition of Comments of the Public**

**III. Information Regarding the Revised FY2025 Budget**

**V. Adjournment of Budget Hearing**

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, June 2, 2025, 10:00 AM

200 S. College Street, Danville, IL 61832

**AGENDA**

Presiding––Mr. Jim Owens—Vice-Chairperson

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Recognition of Guests**
3. **Consent Agenda Items**
   1. Approval of May 5, 2025 Board Minutes
   2. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Investments for May 2025
   3. Acknowledgement of Resignation
      1. 1.0 FTE Social Worker—Amy Boyer
      2. 1.0 FTE School Counselor—Tori Ceader
      3. 0.5 FTE School Counselor—Kristine Coy
      4. 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional—Shelley Elliott
      5. 1.0 FTE School Psychologist—Sarah Wilson
   4. Approval of Employment—1.0 FTE School Social Worker—Kristen Cooley
4. **Director’s Report**
   1. Personnel Update- unfilled positions: 1.5 FTE Social Worker, 1.0 FTE Technical Assistant for Records, 0.4 FTE Vision Impairment Teacher
   2. RTO Reduction Plan
      1. Goal 1: Reduce the number of RTO incidents by 10 percent: Met, 55 percent decrease (2023-24: 45 incidents , 2024-25: 20 incidents)
      2. Goal 2. Reduce the number of students experiencing RTO by 10 percent: Met. 29 percent decrease (2023-24: 17 students , 2024-25: 12 students)
      3. Goal 3. Reduce the number of students with IEPS experiencing RTO decrease by 25 percent: Met. 29 percent decrease in use. (2023-24: 17 students, 2024-25: 12 students)
   3. IDEA Grants
      * 1. Final Invoices will be sent June 13th to districts.
        2. Prepare by completing ICQ in GATA (state portal) and Organizational Risk Assessment (IWAS)
   4. Facilities
      1. HVAC Project
      2. Lightning change to LED
   5. Summer Projects
      1. Professional Development Plan
         1. Increasing Teacher Leadership Capacity
         2. Conducting a Functional Behavior Assessment
         3. Writing a Behavior Intervention Plan
         4. Writing a Defensible IEP
         5. Embrace IEP Training
      2. Community of Practice for ECSE and Cross Categorical Teachers—Supported with funding from Wheeler Foundation
      3. Life Skills Scope & Sequence
5. **Discussion**
   1. FY25 Budget
      1. Local Assessment Increase—20 percent
         1. With this increase VASE still pays a portion of the employee’s salary and all benefits
         2. Average SLP salary= $83,500, Local Assessment= $61,720
         3. Average Psych salary= $71,191, Local Assessment= $65,991
         4. Average Social Work salary= $64,646, Local Assessment= $59,349
         5. Local Assessment Deficits= $1,363,748..55
         6. IDEA Grants= $1,992,000 Leaving roughly $600,000 to cover all operating costs of cooperative staff and operating expenses (Bookkeeping, Custodial, Maintenance, Technical Assistants, OT/PT, Technology/Phone/Internet)
      2. Middlefork Tuition Increase
         1. Emotional Regulation--$200 per day, $421 intensive (w/aide)
         2. Life Skills--$140.27 per day, $361.27 intensive
            1. Area Comparisons

Bryce- $125 per day

TLC- $193.25 per day, $340.52 intensive

LIFE Academy $163.00 per day, $310.27 intensive

SELA- $201.81 per day, $451.81 intensive

Circle Academy- $383.65 per day, $546.13 intensive

Menta- $268.93 per day, $450.58 intensive

1. **Public Participation**
2. **Executive Session**
   1. Personnel- 120/2 c (1)- to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body
3. **Action Items**
   1. Approval of Second Reading of Amended FY25 Budget
   2. Approval of First Reading of FY26 Budget
   3. Approval of Non-Union Raise—1.0FTE Bookkeeper—Jodi Hart
   4. Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2025-2026
   5. Approval of Appointment of Treasurer—Fran Hintz
   6. Approval of Treasurer’s Bond
   7. Approval of Appointments
      1. Board Chairperson—Mr. Jim Owens
      2. Board Vice Chair—Dr. Johnson Maden
      3. Secretary—Dr. Seth Miller
      4. Finance Committee—Dr. Seth Miller, Mr. Scott Watson, Mr. Phil Cox
      5. Building & Grounds—Mr. Nick Hipsher, Dr. Crystal Johnson Maden, Mr. Robert Richardson
      6. Personnel Committee—Mr. Phil Cox, Dr. Jean Neal, Mr. Jim Owens
   8. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes & Approval of Recommendation to Keep Minutes Closed
4. **Adjournment**