

# BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
9:00 a.m. – Cooperative Office/Zoom

## MINUTES - FINAL

1. **Call to Order** – Dr. DoBell called the meeting to order at 9:02. Board members in attendance: Dr. DoBell, Ms. Woodard, Mr. Fiske, and Mr. Biesiot. Board members not in attendance: Mr. Thennis. BVEC administration staff in Attendance: Ms. Rammell and Mr. Hughes. BVEC staff in attendance via Zoom: Tammy Olds. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Introduce Staff Representative** - Tammy Olds, Victor-CSCT Mental Health Therapist.
3. **Consent Agenda** – approved by unanimous consent.
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Financial Report
  - D. Resignations-None
  - E. New Hires-*All Employment contingent upon completion of satisfactory background check.*
    1. Laura Burrows, CSCT Behavior Consultant Stevensville Secondary
    2. Maddison Yerian, School Psychologist
  - F. Next Meeting – TBD under information and discussion.
4. **Public Comment** – Ms. Olds spoke to the progress being made in Victor School, implementing structure and consequences. She said there is such a great team approach, Special Education and CSCT work together so well, and they have tremendous Admin support.
5. **Correspondence/Communications** – Ms. Rammell explained she had been approached by the Corvallis School District regarding an IEE Request. She then explained the IEE request procedure and how it would work and how other Districts and Cooperatives work together to provide a third party review for IEE requests. Kaleva Law is in the process of developing an agreement between the Cooperative and the Corvallis District for Ms. Rammell and one of our School Psychologists to assist with their IEE request. There was group discussion on the IEE process, what happens if the third party agrees with a District’s findings, what happens if they disagree with a District’s findings, and what happens if the parent doesn’t agree with either.
6. **Board Action - None**
7. **Information and Discussion**
  - A. **March Board Meeting** – The March Board meeting would be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of March which is March 28<sup>th</sup>, but two of our Districts have Spring Break that week. Ms. Rammell proposed moving the Board meeting to Thursday, March 23. Board members in attendance confirmed they would be able to attend. Ms. Rammell will send out meeting invitations for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**B. Collective Bargaining Training** – Ms. Rammell provided details on CBA training Kaleva Law could provide and that they were willing to provide the training at a comparable price to MTSBA training. The training would be two hours, with the first hour and fifteen meetings being instruction in the bargaining process. The last forty-five minutes would be devoted to reviewing the current Cooperative Collective Bargaining Agreement. There was discussion on how many Board members would attend and who that would be, and the decision was Dr. DoBell and Ms. Woodard would attend as Board members. Training will be held at the cooperative on April 19, 2023, time to be determined.

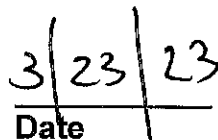
**C. Post Monitoring Training** – Ms. Rammell explained that OPI will be providing some training in Darby on the afternoon of April 5-2023, based on information gathered during monitoring regarding IEP goals and student instruction. If other Districts are interested in similar training, OPI would be available to provide this training the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cooperative office. Victor and Lone Rock schools would like to have two employees from each District participate in the morning training. Ms. Rammell will arrange the training and distribute the date and times to Board members.

**D. 2023-2024 Draft Budget discussions** – Ms. Rammell explained that it is time to start the process for the Cooperative 2023-24 budget. She would like to visit each District Superintendent to review the draft budget, any changes versus prior year, what the District needs are, the cost impact to Districts, etc. The timing for the Cooperative is crucial so that employee contracts for the 23-24 school year can be distributed in April so that CSCT knows how many employees they will have for the summer programs. Ms. Rammell will reach out to set up times in each District to review the current draft of the 23-24 budget.

**8. Adjourn** – Dr. DoBell adjourned the meeting at 9:34.



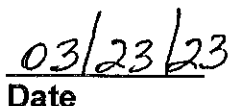
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