

Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative Management Board

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00 AM-Cooperative Office

MINUTES- FINAL

1. Call to Order – Mr. Thennis called the meeting to order at 10:03. Board members in attendance: Mr. Thennis, Mr. Fiske, Mr. Stiegler, Mr. Biesiot. BVEC administration in attendance: Ms. Rammell, Ms. Moresi, and Ms. Gillespie via Zoom. Board clerk: Jill Reynolds.

2. Consent Agenda: Approved by unanimous consent.

- A. Minutes
- B. Warrants
- C. Resignation-Michelle Brushia, CSCT Mental Health Therapist, Darby Elementary
- D. New Hires-Peter Goodwin, CSCT Behavior Consultant, Victor Elementary
- E. Next Meeting: TBD

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Correspondence/Communication – Received a resignation from Daylin Baker, preschool para, effective date to be determined.

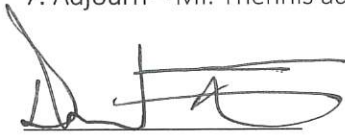
5. Board Action-

- A. Early Resignation Consideration of Penalty-Michelle Brushia. Mr. Biesiot made a motion to waive the early contract termination fee. Mr. Stiegler seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding precedence. Mr. Thennis called for the vote. Motion carries 5-0.

6. Information and Discussion

- A. CSCT/School Based Mental Health – Ms. Rammell updated the Board on the question regarding pursuing a non-profit status for the cooperative to enable us to apply for grants to be used to help cover costs. Attorney fees would be approximately \$5,000, it might require a grant writer and an accountant. After discussing the pros and cons with this it was decided to put this on hold until we have the district Board's decisions on providing financial support to the mental health program. There was further discussion on other options for mental health services other than the CSCT model, using an Outpatient model, and using a third party to support outpatient services in school. No final decisions were made, everything is pending district Board decisions.
- B. ~~The date for the April Board Meeting will be April 22nd at 10 AM in the BVEC conference room.~~
- C. Ms. Rammell recommended all districts have some attendance at the Kaleva Law SPED Graduation Seminar on April 10th from 1-2 PM.

7. Adjourn – Mr. Thennis adjourned the meeting at 11:38.



Board Chairperson

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Board Clerk

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