

# BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
10:00 AM – Cooperative Office

## MINUTES - DRAFT

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Thennis called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Board Members in attendance: Mr. Thennis, Mr. Fiske, Mr. Stiegler. Board members in attendance via Zoom: Mr. Biesiot and Ms. Schneider. BVEC staff in attendance: Director, Jenny Rammell and Mental Health Program Supervisor Ms. Gillespie. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Consent Agenda – approved by unanimous consent.**
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Resignations
  - C. New Hires
  - D. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 10:00 AM BVEC Office
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Correspondence/Communications** – None.
5. **Board Action** – None.
6. **Information and Discussion**
  - A. Threat Assessment Training - Ms. Rammell informed the Board that the Threat Assessment Training with Kaleva Law Firm is set for Monday, November 25, 2024, from 1-3 PM. Ms. Rammell has received requests to include school counselors in the meeting and she would like to do this if the Board agrees. The Board agreed that school counselors would also be invited. This increases the size of the group which will necessitate having the meeting in Victor School versus in Florence School.  
  
There was group discussion on the form used by schools. There was a 30-page form that Kaleva Law was able to condense to fourteen pages that is a good template to use. There was also discussion on whether the tools were different for Staff versus Teachers. Ms. Rammell said they are the same, one size fits all. Mr. Biesiot asked Mr. Fiske to bring a copy of the template to the meeting. There was further discussion around the training Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in Corvallis with the Ravalli County Sheriff's office. The Board agreed Cami Hildebrand would attend with Mr. Fiske as the School Psychologist representative and she would then disseminate information to our other School Psychologists. The group discussed and decided that we would include the Sheriff's office in the meeting invitations.
  - B. Continuation of Special Education Trainings – Ms. Rammell updated the Board on the training sessions she has held and that they were going very well. In fact, staff have been asking for more meetings and Ms. Rammell will continue to offer sessions.

- C. IDEA B Grant Applications – Ms. Rammell discussed the issues found with Special Education enrollment numbers and Private/Home School numbers and that they had been resolved. Superintendents should complete the application and submit them unless they still have questions regarding headcount. There was also discussion around the timing and requirements for the consultation meetings with Private/Home School’s parents.
  
- D. CSCT/School Based Mental Health Financial Overview – Jill and Ashley discussed the overall mental health financial status for September and YTD. Ashley updated the Board on the status of Home Support Services and that we are still waiting for direction from DPHHS on billing, as well as when grants will be available, and what will happen with rates when they revert back to 15-minute increments.

**7. Adjourn** – Mr. Thennis adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.