

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Cooperative Office/Zoom

MINUTES - FINAL

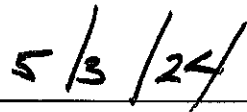
1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Fiske, acting Board Chair in Dr. DoBell’s absence, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Board members in attendance: Mr. Fiske, Mr. Thennis, Mr. Biesiot. Board members not in attendance: Dr. DoBell, Ms. Woodard. BVEC administration in attendance: Ms. Rammell, Mr. Hughes, and Ms. Gillespie (via Zoom). Staff in attendance via Zoom: Athena DeLeon, Stevensville Elementary School BC, Liz Pepion and Robin Williams, Victor Elementary School CSCT team. Other guests: Mr. Stiegler, Victor Superintendent effective July 1, 2024. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Consent Agenda** – approved by unanimous consent.
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrants
 - C. Financial Report
 - D. Resignations
 - a. Bobby Sonsteng, CSCT Behavioral Consultant, Stevensville Secondary
 - b. Ellie Garrett, SLP, Lone Rock and Stevensville Secondary
 - c. Nikki Pastian, CSCT Mental Health Therapist, Stevensville Secondary
 - E. New Hires - none
 - F. Next Meeting: May 28, 2024
3. **Public Comment** - None.
4. **Correspondence/Communications** – none.
5. **Board Action** – none.
6. **Information and Discussion**
 - A. Collective Bargaining – Ms. Rammell explained that we had TA-temporary agreement on the bargaining agreement for 2024-2026. A draft was sent to the Association for review and ratification. Most changes in the agreement versus the previous agreement were changes in wording, some of them recommended by Bea Kaleva because some wording was “antiquated”. The salary matrices were updated with a 4.2% base increase in year one. This was necessary to cover cost of living increases and to retain current staff, and to increase base pay to be comparable with like providers in the area. There will be no base increase in year 2, only step increases. Mr. Fiske participated in the bargaining and stated he thought it went well, he felt everyone had the chance to be heard. He also stated Districts will need to stress the 4.2% is for two years as it is likely none of our participating Districts will be able to add this much to their base.
 - B. Review Draft Budget for Special Education – Ms. Rammell reviewed the Special Education Draft Budget for 24-25 and explained that the draft is “worst case scenario” in that we do not have any 24-25 funding dollars from OPI at this time. OPI usually distributes preliminary data mid-May. The draft

D. Schedule Meeting to Ratify CBA and Budget Approval – A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st, at 2 PM in the BVEC conference room/via Zoom.


7. Adjourn – Mr. Fiske adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.



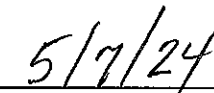
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