

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Thursday, September 26, 2024  
10:00 AM – Cooperative Office/Zoom

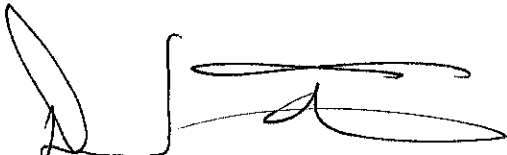
MINUTES - FINAL

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Thennis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Board members in attendance: Mr. Thennis, Ms. Schneider, Mr. Stiegler, Mr. Fiske. Mr. Biesiot joined via Zoom. BVEC admin staff in attendance: Director Jenny Rammell, Mental Health Program Supervisor Ashley Gillespie. BVEC staff: Wendy Schroeder. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Consent Agenda** – approved by unanimous consent.
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Resignations
  - D. New Hires
    - a. Leah Hapke-Mental Health Therapist, Florence Secondary School
  - E. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 10:00 AM BVEC Office
3. **Public Comment** – Ms. Shroeder, School Psychologist in Victor and Darby Schools, shared school is back in session and in full swing. She recently attended the All Valley School Psychologist meeting and that all of the Co-op schools had attended the Trauma Informed training.
4. **Correspondence/Communications** – none.
5. **Board Action-**
  - A. IDEA Final Allocations and Budget Impact – Ms. Rammell explained that we finally received the final IDEA allocations for 24-25 and although there was a an increase of \$9,000 versus the approved budget, there was also an increase of \$78,000 in expenses driven by the need to outsource Speech and Physical Therapy due to an open position in Lone Rock and an employee on medical leave. Options were reviewed that included increasing district contributions or using a portion of reserves to maintain the contributions approved for budget in the spring of 2024. Mr. Biesiot made a motion to approve using a portion of reserves to maintain District contributions as approved for the budget. Ms. Schneider seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
6. **Information and Discussion**
  - A. Threat Assessment Training - Ms. Rammell discussed the need for Threat Assessment training for School Psychologist. She would also like to include School Administrators and Superintendents, as well as School Counselors and Ashley and Rachella to represent CSCT. Ms. Rammell has spoken to Ms. Kaleva regarding a 2-to-3-hour training session. There was general discussion regarding the need for this and all agreed they would like to pursue the training. Ms. Rammell will coordinate a November date with Ms. Kaleva and a site for the training and then distribute the information to everyone.
  - B. PT Coverage – Ms. Rammell explained our Physical Therapist is still on medical leave and the co-op is contracting with Rock Creek Teletherapy to cover PT for this school year. Credit goes to our OT's, Kim and Alyssa, who have scheduled PT services to run back-to-back with their OT services. They will stay

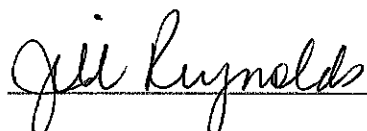
in the room to assist with the student unless the student has a full-time para. In that case the para will stay in the room to assist the student. Misha, the PT from Rock Creek will provide services, complete paperwork, assessments, etc.

- C. Child Find Dates – Child Find dates have been set for each district. Families can attend any locations; they do not have to attend the district they live in if another date and time is more convenient.
  - i. Stevensville 11/1/24 9 AM – Noon at the BVEC Preschool
  - ii. Darby 11/4/24 9 AM to Noon in Darby
  - iii. Florence 11/7/24 3:30-6:30 PM in Florence
  - iv. Victor 11/7/24 9 AM – Noon in Victor
  - v. Corvallis 11/5/24
  - vi. Hamilton TBD
- D. Child Count – The annual fall count will be done on Monday, 10/7/24. Ms. Rammell will work closely with all schools, especially those with new staff.
- E. CSCT/School Based Mental Health – Ms. Rammell and Ms. Gillespie reported we are now fully staffed in Mental Health positions for the first time since 2020, prior to COVID. We are still waiting on information and timing of CSCT grants. CSCT teams are off to a strong start. They have had referral team meetings, worked on scheduling, etc.

7. Adjourn - Mr. Thennis adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.

  
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