Vermilion Association for Special Education

**Executive Meeting Minutes**

**April 7, 2025**

**1. Roll Call**

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

Salt Fork Yes No Present

Hoopeston Yes No Present

**2. Recognition of Guests**

*None*

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

*Motion to approve the following consent agenda items listed on the agenda…*

1. *Approve board minutes for March 3, 2025*
2. *Approve bills, payroll, and investments for March 2025*
3. *Approve Employment of* 
   1. *School Social Worker 1.0 FTE – Kara Friedrich*
   2. *Audiologist 1.0 FTE – Dr. Molly Bastida*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

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Potomac Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

**4. Director’s Report**

* 1. Middlefork Updates
     1. RTO Reduction Plan Update
        1. Overall 2024-25 School Year- 17 instances of use through the third quarter. Last year, we had 34 instances of use through the third quarter. (50% decrease)
        2. Students- 10 students requiring use of RTO through the third quarter. Last year, we had 13 students requiring the use of RTO (23% decrease)
        3. Third Quarter- 5 incidents of use. Last year, there were 7 instances of use in the third quarter. (28% decrease)
     2. Reduction Goals:
        1. Reduce the number of RTO incidents by 10 percent: *I anticipate this goal being met.*
        2. Reduce the number of students experiencing RTO by 10 percent: *I anticipate this goal being met.*
        3. Reduce the number of students with IEPS experiencing RTO decrease by 25 percent: *I anticipate this goal being met.*
     3. Middlefork Enrollment- Increased from 68 students in March to 72 students in April
  2. Procedural Updates
     1. Separate Public Day School Process
     2. Extended School Year
     3. RTO Clarification: ISBE-

“Blocking a student’s egress from a classroom to prevent elopement is not considered isolated time out when other students are present in the classroom. However, if all other students have been removed and egress is blocked, it is considered a time out.”

* 1. Financial & Facility Updates
     1. Amending FY25 Budget
     2. HVAC on track to begin mobilizing in May
     3. New playground project complete
  2. Personnel
     1. Open positions: Speech Therapists (3.0 FTE), School Psychologist (3.0 FTE), Teacher of the Visual Impairments (0.2 FTE)

**5. Executive Session**

*No motion made to go into closed session.*

**6. Action Items**

*A. Motion to approve a Contract for Adapted Physical Education Services with Lori Lyons as presented.*

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Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

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Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*B. Motion to approve a Contract for Special Education Teaching Services with Monica Rogers as presented.*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*Roll Call*

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

Armstrong Township High School Yes No Present

Armstrong Elementary School Yes No Present

Salt Fork Yes No Present

Hoopeston Yes No Present

Potomac Yes No Present

Rossville Yes No Present

Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*C. Motion to approve a Contract for School Psychologist Services with Vernon Bergkoetter as presented.*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

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Oakwood Yes No Present

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Georgetown Yes No Present

Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*D. Motion to approve a Contract for Speech Therapy Services with Ashby Therapy Solutions, PLLC as presented.*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

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Westville Yes No Present

Bismarck Yes No Present

Oakwood Yes No Present

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

*E. Motion to approve an FMLA Request for Connie Hoagland*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor.*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

**7. Public Participation**

*None*

**8. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn*

Motion = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

Second = ATHS AES BIS GRF HOOP POT OAK ROSS SF WEST

*All those in favor*

(Motion Carries – Yes No)

Meeting adjourned at 10:58AM

***Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***