

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

ZOOM MEETING ID: 849 8329 6335

PRESENT: Jeff Manley, Darren Albrecht, Jill Olson, Kirk Ham, Jason Keating, Dan Juve.

President Manley called the meeting to order.

RESIGNATION/RELEASE FROM CONTRACT:

- 1) Juve presented a resignation from Tara Ulrich, special education teacher at Grafton HS, effective March 5, 2021. Following board policy, Ulrich included a check for \$533.35 (2.5% of gross instructional salary) for the contract release fee. Discussion followed. **M/S:** Ham-Olson to accept this resignation along with the release fee. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Juve presented a contract from retiree, Deb Slominski, to fill in for Ulrich and finish out the 2020-2021 school year. **M/S:** Keating-Albrecht to approve Slominski's contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager



Jeff Manley, Board Chairman

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Kirk Ham, Jeff Manley, Jill Olson, Steve Swiontek, Darren Albrecht, Linda Lutovsky, Dan Juve.
Guests: Shelly Henke, Jessica Pankow. Absent: Jason Keating

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Guest: Jami Frize

President Manley called the meeting to order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: **MSC:** Swiontek-Albrecht to approve both sets of minutes from the February 16th and March 2nd, 2021 meetings as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **MSC:** Albrecht-Olson to approve the February 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented.

FEBRUARY BILLS: **MSC:** Ham-Olson to approve payment of all bills presented. Check numbers include 20330-20386 and direct deposit stub numbers 38862-38930. Total February expenditures: \$498,166.59.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION: Manley reported that the director's evaluation had been completed and summarized results with the Board. **M/S:** Ham-Albrecht to approve the director's evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING UPDATES:

- A. Juve presented the following resignations for review:
Roni Riske, Grafton Special Education Teacher (retirement)
Bethany Larson, Grafton Preschool Special Needs Teacher
Angela Lyste, Larimore Special Education Teacher
Each of the resignations will be effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school term. Discussion followed. **M/S:** Olson-Lutovsky to approve each of the resignations. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Juve presented the following 2021-2022 contract for approval:
Britny Bucholz – She will serve as special education teacher at the Larimore Elementary School, replacing Diann Rudolf. **M/S:** Olson-Ham to approve this contract. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Additional FTE Requests:
Juve presented a request for two additional full time teachers within the Unit due to caseload numbers and staff required in order to meet student needs.
Larimore High School Special Education Teacher – 1 FTE
Grafton Special Education Teacher – 1 FTE
M/S: Lutovsky-Albrecht to approve the addition of these two positions beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

HB1416/HB1466/TESTIMONY LETTER: Juve shared legislative updates with the Board regarding House Bills currently discussed in legislation. Discussion followed.

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EDMORE DISCUSSION: Juve shared a letter received from Frank Schill, Edmore School Superintendent, requesting consideration of them joining the UVSE Unit in the 2022-2023 school year. Discussion followed. The Unit will explore the financial aspect of this request and will revisit at a later meeting.

BOARD NEGOTIATION TEAM: Linda Lutovsky and Jill Olson volunteered will represent the Board during the 2021-2023 negotiations process. The first meeting will be held and reported on at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 - 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager



Jeff Manley, Board Chairman