

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Darren Albrecht, Jeff Manley, Jill Olson, Shane Robinson, Dan Juve. Guests Present: Jami Frize, Shelly Henke, Jessica Pankow, Julie McCann, Ashley Eng, Angie Solseng. Absent: Steve Swiontek, Aaron Schramm, Jason Keating.

Manley called the meeting to order.

OTR Presentation: OTR staff, McCann, Eng, and Solseng presented a 2023-2024 salary proposals for the Board's consideration, along with discussing current duties of the position. Current salary is based on the policy of their placement on the teacher's salary schedule, plus 12.75% in lieu of teacher's retirement. As Option 1, OTRs requested an additional increase of 15% beyond placement on the salary schedule plus 12.75% in lieu of teacher's retirement. As Option 2, OTRs, requested to be self-contracted at a rate of \$100/hr for direct service time and \$65/hr for drive time. Discussion followed. The Finance Committee will take these requests into consideration while developing the professional support staff salary schedule to present to the Board.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: **MSC:** Albrecht-Olson to approve minutes of the January meeting as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 31, 2023st report was reviewed. **MSC:** Olson-Albrecht to approve treasurer's report as presented.

JANUARY BILLS: **MSC:** Olson-Albrecht to approve payment of all bills presented.

STAFFING: Juve reported that Kirby Folkers is interested in the open 2023-2024 SLP position in Manvel. Folkers would consider the position with a signing bonus of \$3000 for three years, along with an ESY contract beginning August 1st, 2023, allowing her to be eligible for health insurance as of September 1st. Discussion followed. Board agreed to offer these options to her. Juve will report back at the March meeting.

CLASSIFIED SALARY/BENEFITS DISCUSSION: Juve presented the Finance Committee's recommendations for Classified salary schedules for Group 1 (SLPP, COTA, PTA, and Spec Ed Technicians), Group 2 (Job Coaches), and Group 3 (Administrative Assistants). Along with the salary schedule presented, health Insurance benefit for these groups would include a full single health policy for full time 9 month employees. Discussion followed. These recommendations will be taken into consideration before a formal vote.

TEACHER'S PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF NEGOTIATING UNIT: The petition from UVSE teachers requesting recognition of the negotiating unit was presented. **M/S:** Albrecht-Robinson: Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1.-16-10, the Upper Valley Special Education Board recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Motion carried unanimously. Board representatives on the negotiating team will be determined at the March meeting.

COORDINATOR'S PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF NEGOTIATING UNIT: The petition from UVSE coordinators requesting recognition of the negotiating unit was presented. **M/S:** Albrecht-Robinson: Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1.-16-10, the Upper Valley Special Education Board recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as coordinators. Motion carried unanimously. Board representatives on the negotiating team will be determined at the March meeting.

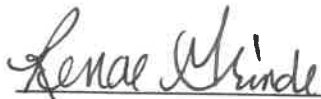
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With no other additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renae Grinde". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jeff Manley, Board Chairman