

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

**MINNESOTA VALLEY EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024
6:30 PM**

MVED DISTRICT OFFICE, 801 DAVIS STREET, SAINT PETER, MN

In attendance at the meeting were the following Board Members: Linda Leiding, Karson Duncanson, Tracy Stuewe, Jillian Cousins, Ashley Black, and Nancy Heldberg. Board Members Absent: none. Also in attendance were Executive Director of Special Education Sara Kral, MVED Principal Tamara Engel, Supervising Superintendent Bill Gronseth, MVED Business Manager Ukee Dozier (virtual), MVED EA Vice President Jacki Madden, Special Education Coordinator Allison Bahlmann, and Administrative Assistant Amy Leonard.

Chair Heldberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Approval of Agenda: (Duncanson/Black, unanimous)

Consider Requests to Speak on the Agenda: none

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: (Duncanson/Leiding, unanimous)

- A. Approval of the Organizational Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024.
- B. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024.
- C. Approval of Bills and Wire Payments for February and March 2024 (\$497,359.99).
- D. Personnel
 1. Approval of the hiring of Lauren Clayton, Paraeducator, effective March 14, 2024.
 2. Approval of the hiring of Chelsie Short, Paraeducator, effective March 14, 2024.
 3. Approval of the hiring of Megan Monson-Conlon, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective March 14, 2024.
 4. Approval of the hiring of Kimberly Wiechmann, Physical Therapist, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
 5. Approval of the hiring of Stephanie Figueroa, School Psychologist, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
 6. Approval of the hiring of Joey Brown, Special Education Teacher, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
 7. Acceptance of the resignation of Allison Bahlmann, Special Education Coordinator, effective June 30, 2024.
 8. Approval of the hiring of Allison Bahlmann, Assistant Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2024.
 9. Acceptance of the resignation of Dallas Mears, Paraeducator, effective February 26, 2024.
 10. Acceptance of the resignation of Tamara Engel, MVED Principal, effective June 14, 2024.

E. Contracts/Agreements

1. Approval of Agreement with School Management Services for the provision of Purchasing Services to MVED for a period of three years beginning November 20, 2023.
2. Approval of renewal of Infinitec services for the 2024-2025 school year.

F. Donations

1. Acceptance of a donation of 15 hot spots from the Traverse des Sioux Library System.

Approval of Revised 2023-2024 Budget: Motion to approve revised 2023-2024 budget. (Duncanson/Leiding, unanimous)

Approval of 2024-2025 Calendar: Motion to approve 2024-2025 calendar. (Cousins/Duncanson, unanimous)

Adoption of Resolution Relating to Termination and Non-Renewal of Teaching Contract of Tier 2 Teacher: (Leiding/Duncanson) Motion to adopt the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of a Tier 2 teacher at the close of the current 2023-24 school year. AYE: Stuewe, Duncanson, Leiding, Cousins, Heldberg, Black. NO: none.

Adoption of Resolution Relating to Termination and Non-Renewal of Teaching Contract of Another Tier 2 Teacher: (Duncanson/Black) Motion to adopt the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of a Tier 2 teacher at the close of the current 2023-24 school year. AYE: Stuewe, Duncanson, Leiding, Cousins, Heldberg, Black. NO: none.

Approval of Assistant Director of Special Education Contract: Motion to approve MVED Assistant Director of Special Education Contract for 2024-2026. (Duncanson/Black, 5-1)

Approval of Reviewed Policies with No Changes to the Policy Manual: Motion to approve the following policies that were reviewed with no changes to the policy manual: 102 - Equal Educational Opportunity; 208 - Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies; 214 - Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members; and 903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites. (Cousins/Duncanson, unanimous)

Building Update: MVED is no longer pursuing the possibility of purchasing a new building. Instead, administration will be looking at making some improvements to the current building.

Executive Director of Special Education Report

Special Education Director Sara Kral reported that she has begun meeting with a program monitor from MDE in preparation for compliance monitoring which will start with the 2025-26 school year for MVED.

MVED Principal Report

MVED Principal Tamara Engel reported that staff will be attending a training in August to learn more about using Boys Town principles in the classroom and at school.

Updates at MVED include that there are currently 5 students transitioning back to their home districts, and Extended School Year will be held for a week in June, a week in July, and a week in August. She also informed the board that she is working with staff to ease the transition as she leaves for her new job. She thanked the board for their support throughout her years at MVED.

Supervising Superintendent Report

Supervising Superintendent Bill Gronseth spoke a bit more on the decision not to pursue a new location for MVED. He would like to improve the current building and look at utilizing underused spaces throughout the site. He also reported that there will be some new leadership starting in multiple MVED districts this July; the superintendents' advisory group will work on setting up mentors to educate them regarding MVED.

Board Members

Director Stuewe reported that the Nicollet County Collaborative saw an 8 percent decrease in funding.

Future meetings:

Tuesday	June 11, 2023	MVED District Office	6:30 PM
Tuesday	August 13, 2023	MVED District Office	6:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm (Cousins/Black, unanimous).

Ashley Black (MVED Board of Directors Clerk)

Date