

**MINUTES OF THIS MEETING HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED**

**MINNESOTA VALLEY EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MVED DISTRICT OFFICE, 801 DAVIS STREET, SAINT PETER, MN**

In attendance at the meeting were the following Board Members: Karson Duncanson, Tracy Stuewe, Jillian Cousins, Nancy Heldberg, and Ashley Black. Board Members Absent: Linda Leiding. Also in attendance were Executive Director of Special Education Sara McMonagle, MVED Principal Tamara Engel, Supervising Superintendent Bill Gronseth, MVED Business Manager Ukee Dozier (virtual), MVED EA Vice President Jacki Madden, Administrative Assistant Amy Leonard, and CLA Auditor Craig Popenhagen (virtual).

Chair Heldberg called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm

Approval of Agenda: (Black/Stuewe, unanimous)

Consider Requests to Speak on the Agenda: none

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

- A. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023.
- B. Approval of Bills and Wire Payments for October and November 2023 (\$918,619.90).
- C. Approval of Bills and Wire Payments for December 2023 and January 2024 (\$400,037.00).
- D. Personnel
  1. Approval of the hiring of Onyka Lopez, Paraeducator, effective November 14, 2023.
  2. Approval of the hiring of Kenda Heffner, Paraeducator, effective November 27, 2023.
  3. Approval of the hiring of Joel Kom, Paraeducator, effective December 19, 2023.
  4. Approval of the hiring of Dallas Mears, Paraeducator, effective January 22, 2024.
  5. Approval of the hiring of Landon Bance, Paraeducator, effective January 29, 2024.
  6. Acceptance of the resignation of Mario Rivera, Paraeducator, effective October 6, 2023.
  7. Acceptance of the resignation of Etye Perez, Paraeducator, effective November 3, 2023.
  8. Acceptance of the resignation of Dawn Lehtinen, Administrative Assistant, effective December 15, 2023.

9. Acceptance of the resignation of Alyssa Keeney, Paraeducator, effective December 8, 2023.
  10. Approval of the termination of Norma Mlaker, Paraeducator, effective November 9, 2023.
- E. Contracts/Agreements
1. Approval of Agreement from Speech Partners for the provision of Speech Therapy Services to MVED for the 2023-2024 school year.
  2. Approval of Contracted Service Agreement allowing MVED to provide Speech/Language Pathologist services to Madelia Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.
  3. Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with Teachers on Call regarding the increase in pricing from 31.85% to 32.85%.
  4. Approval of Non-Member Student Information Software Support Contract between Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC) and MVED effective January 1, 2024.
  5. Approval of Assurances and Certifications authorizing SOCRATES (South Central Regional Area Telecommunications System) to submit and certify all necessary forms and information for E-Rate funding years 2024-2025 through 2026-2027 on behalf of MVED.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit: Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2023 Audit.  
(Duncanson/Black, unanimous)

Approval of Teacher Contract: Motion to approve the 2023-2025 Master Agreement for MVED Special Education Teachers. (Cousins/Duncanson, unanimous)

First Reading and Approval of Revised Policies (Second reading not needed due to all policies reflecting legislative changes): 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction; 514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy; 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; 532 - Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds; 601 - School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals; 603 - Curriculum Development; 616 - School District System Accountability; 620 - Credit for Learning; 709 - Student Transportation Safety Policy:  
Motion to approve revised policies as presented. (Cousins/Stuewe, unanimous)

#### Building Update

Administration has been exploring the idea of a different location for MVED as we have outgrown our current building and is suffering from a lot of costly repairs. Preliminary discussions of different options and costs have been occurring at recent superintendent advisory committee meetings.

#### Executive Director of Special Education Report

Executive Director of Special Education Sara Kral noted that her staffing needs are still the same.

MVED Principal Report

MVED Principal Tamara Engel discussed the new programming happening in MVS classrooms. She and another staff attended a virtual training for Boys Town and in December started implementing this model. Feedback has been mostly positive from staff and students. She also reported that she has a fully-hired staff at this time and has no positions to fill currently.

Supervising Superintendent Report

Supervising Superintendent Bill Gronseth encouraged the board to advocate for the READ Act to be fully funded this year as the training program is paid for but the staff's time is not.

Future meetings:

Tuesday	April 16, 2024	MVED District Office	6:30 PM
Tuesday	June 11, 2024	MVED District Office	6:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm (Stuewe/Duncanson).

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Ashley Black (MVED Board of Directors Clerk)

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Date