

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Darren Albrecht, Jill Olson, Steve Swiontek, Shane Robinson, Aaron Schramm, Dan Juve.
Absent: Matt Ford, Austin Salyer. **Guests Present:** Jessica Pankow, Mike Babinski, and Dave Wheeler (via phone).

President Olson called the meeting to order.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The October 31st report was presented for review. **MSC:** Schramm-Robinson to approve the report as presented.

OCTOBER BILLS: **MSC:** Albrecht-Robinson to approve payment of all bills presented. Juve discussed the idea of paying credit card invoices prior to board approval to avoid late fees. Discussion followed. Grinde was directed to call the company and request changing the due date in order to avoid late fees. Swiontek requested future discussion of purchasing a vehicle to reduce mileage reimbursements.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION: Olson shared and reviewed the Director's Evaluation. Discussion followed.
M/S: Albrecht-Schramm to approve the evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

DECEMBER 1 CHILDCOUNT: Juve reviewed the Unit's process in preparing for the December 1 Child Count. When numbers are finalized a detailed report will be presented to the Board. Swiontek requested a 5-year study of Childcount comparisons.

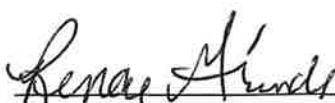
ADDITIONAL ITEM(S):

School Psychology Grant Opportunity: Juve reported that the School Psychology Grant Opportunity through Minot State fell through and is no longer available. He reported that there is a possibility UVSE could be approved for the ND School Psychology Service Grant, which is a similar grant also through Minot State and will also credential a participant in the area of School Psychology. The financial obligation of this grant would include supplementing the participant's 3rd year internship salary beyond what the grant does not pay, as well as hire a replacement for the participant's teaching position. Discussion followed. With those financial obligations in mind, Juve asked the board for approval to apply for this grant. **M/S:** Schramm-Albrecht to go forward with the process. Motion carried. 4-1, Swiontek opposed.

With no other additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jill Olson, Board President