

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Darren Albrecht, Jill Olson, Austin Salyer, Shane Robinson, Aaron Schramm, Matt Ford, Steve Swiontek, Dan Juve. Guests Present: Jessica Pankow. Guests Present via Zoom: Jami Frize, Dave Wheeler.

President Olson called the meeting to order.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The December 30th report was presented for review. **MSC:** Albrecht-Robinson to approve the report as presented.

DECEMBER BILLS: **MSC:** Schramm-Ford to approve payment of all bills presented.

J1 TEACHER UPDATE: Juve reported he is actively attempting to recruit new teachers for the 2025-2026 year. He notified the board he will begin the process of renewing our current international teachers, as well as seeking additional J1 Visa teachers if area teachers cannot be found. Discussion followed.

POWER SCHOOL BREACH: Juve discussed with the Board the recent Power School breach, urging districts to keep him posted of any repercussions affecting our districts.

NEGOTIATIONS: As Andrea Cota is stepping down as lead teacher negotiator, Paige Meyer will be taking her place. A letter was presented to the Board from Meyer stating their intent to negotiate. Megan Wynne and Courtney Hernandez will be assisting Myer as part of the negotiating team. A petition to negotiate will be submitted to the UVSE office and presented at the February meeting for Board acceptance. Discussion followed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Olson noted that the Director evaluation will be sent out to members and will be reviewed as an agenda item at the February meeting.
- House Bills – Several House Bills were reviewed and discussed that will have an impact on education. These will be followed and discussed further as legislative actions occur.

With no other additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jill Olson, Board President