

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Darren Albrecht, Shane Robinson, Aaron Schramm, Matt Ford, Austin Salyer, Steve Swiontek, Dan Juve. Guests Present: Mitch Jorgenson, Mike Babinski. Absent: Jill Olson

President Olson called the meeting to order.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March 31st report was presented for review. **MSC:** Albrecht-Ford to approve the report as presented.

MARCH BILLS: **MSC:** Albrecht-Ford to approve payment of all bills presented.

STAFFING

- Juve presented a resignation from Kirby Folkers, SLP serving Manvel and Larimore schools. Resignation is effective at the completion of this school year. **M/S:** Swiontek-Albrecht to accept this resignation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Juve noted that three Intent to Hire letters were sent out to international teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year. Two of the three teachers have verbally accepted with the third teacher declining the offer. Juve asked for contract approval for Maribeth Cardenas who will serve in the Grafton School District and Gina Aninon who will serve in the Drayton School District. **M/S:** Robinson-Albrecht to approve both of these contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIZING FOR NEGOTIATIONS: General discussion was held regarding upcoming negotiations. The impact of upcoming budgetary expense and revenue considerations were discussed. Sample spreadsheets of various salary and benefit packages were reviewed. **M/S:** Swiontek-Ford to offer the negotiating teachers a total package increase not to exceed \$185,000 over the next two years. Discussion followed. Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote. Yes: Swiontek, Ford Opposed: Salyer, Schramm, Robinson, Albrecht.

With no other additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY MAY 13TH, 2025 AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jill Olson, Board President