

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – 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: Jason Keating, Dave Wheeler, Mitch Jorgenson.

President Olson called the meeting to order.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The July 31st report was presented. **MSC:** Schramm-Ford to approve this report.

JULY BILLS: **MSC:** Schramm-Albrecht to approve payment of all bills presented.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT UPDATE: Juve reported the Behavioral Health Grant award for 2025-2026 will be \$130,275.53. An expenditure budget will be presented at a future meeting.

STAFFING:

- Juve reported that Dragana Olson, Physical Therapy Assistant, has agreed to contract with UVSE as a full time PTA, beginning September 18, 2025. This will fill the position that was vacated by Caleb Loy.
- Juve reported that Isabel Eide will serve as a year-long substitute at LSTC, while she continues to pursue her special education degree. This will fill the position that was vacated by Tasha Osowski. The job coach position that Isabel was initially hired for remains unfilled at this time.

2025-2026 ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION: Discussion continued regarding 2025-2026 assessment increases. **M/S:** Swiontek-Schramm to allow a 5% increase to the total assessment, while expressing disappointment that the Finance Committee had not met. Discussion followed. **M/S:** Albrecht-Ford to amend Swiontek's motion to reflect a 2.5% increase in total assessment. Discussion followed. Albrecht-Schramm to amend the amended motion to reflect a 2.5% increase in total assessment with the option to increase the assessment, if needed, over the course of the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

With no other additional items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jill Olson, Board President