

UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

Chase Building Conference Room

PRESENT: Aaron Schramm, Darren Albrecht, Matt Ford, Shane Robinson, Jill Olson, Dan Juve. Present Via Zoom: Austin Salyer. Members Absent: Steve Swiontek, Matt Ford. Guests Present: Jason Keating, Jessica Pankow

President Olson called the meeting to order.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The February 28, 2026 report was presented. Discussion followed. **MSC:** Schramm-Robinson to approve this report.

FEBRUARY BILLS: **MSC:** Robinson-Albrecht to approve payment of all bills presented.

STAFFING UPDATES:

- Juve presented all signed teacher contract renewals for the 2026-2027 year. All contracts were returned with the exception of Christie Baloyo, J1-Visa special education teacher in Park River, who has decided to return to her home country. **M/S:** Schramm-Robinson to approve all returned contracts.
- Juve noted that Mel Suda, .40 FTE SLPP in Grafton has indicated she is not interested in a position that requires serving schools outside the Grafton District, so will not be returning for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Juve noted that a contract has been offered to a certified OTR for the next school term and is awaiting a response. This position would eliminate the need for virtual OT oversight, as well as cover services provided by Brenna Schmidt COTA who will not be returning next year.

NDPHIT: It was reported that health insurance rates through NDPHIT will raise by 18.16% for the upcoming plan year. The increase will impact next year's budget by \$95,847.48 with the current number of participants. NDPHIT will provide alternative plans and rates in mid-April. Discussion followed.

INFINITE CAMPUS PD: Juve reviewed discussion potential professional development dates and administrative access regarding this transition. Discussion will be ongoing.

DECEMBER 1 CHILDCOUNT: Pankow reviewed detailed December 1 Child Count data. The final Child Count was 575 for UVSE, placing us as the second largest multi-district special education unit in the State. Discussion followed.

With no other additional agenda items, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE CHASE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,



Renae Grinde, Business Manager

Jill Olson, Board President