

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

**MINNESOTA VALLEY EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017
6:00 PM
MVED CONFERENCE ROOM**

In attendance at the meeting were the following Board Members: Patty Sullivan, Jack May, Charlie Potts, Linda Leiding, and Brian Wiederich. Board Members Absent: Jill Johnson and Kim Walters. Also in attendance were Supervising Superintendent Paul Peterson, Director Bob Vaadeland, Finance Manager Megan Gracia, MVED Principal John Lustig, MVED EA President Paul Matejcek, and Administrative Assistant Amy Leonard.

Vice Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approval of Agenda: (Leiding/Wiederich, unanimous)

Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2017: (Leiding/Potts, unanimous)

Approval of Bills for February and March 2017: (May/Potts, unanimous)

Approval of 2017-2018 Calendar: (Leiding/May, unanimous)

Approval of Revised 2016-2017 Budget: (May/Leiding , unanimous)

Approval of Preliminary 2017-2018 Budget: (Potts/Wiederich, unanimous)

A motion was made by Potts, seconded by May, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The resignation of Sign Language Interpreter, Amanda Kuttner, effective June 2, 2017.
2. The resignation of Paraprofessional, Taylor Ferguson, effective March 10, 2017.
3. The resignation of Administrative Assistant, Shannon Rode, effective April 7, 2017.

With all members voting aye, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wiederich, seconded by Potts, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The retirement of Linda Haas, Paraprofessional, effective May 17, 2017.
2. The retirement of Dorothy Rittal-Mcintyre, ECSE Teacher, effective June 5, 2017.

With all members voting aye, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Wiederich, seconded by Leiding, to approve the following personnel item:

1. The hire of Catherine Pacholl-Good, Administrative Assistant, effective April 24, 2017.

With all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Director, Bob Vaadeland mentioned that he is currently working on finalizing the psychologist's schedule with the 6 School Psychologists. He also spoke about the assistive technology needs of students needing assistance with communication. He is looking into methods for staff to gain more knowledge about these devices. Bob also discussed transition planning for disabled students that are graduating. Many families are unaware of what services are available. MVED could potentially have a role in providing some transition services and connecting families to other agencies that already provide different transition services. Regarding monitoring, there is no final report from the Lead Monitor yet.

Supervising Superintendent, Paul Peterson, spoke about the Superintendents participating in upcoming negotiations for staff contracts. Superintendents Bruels, Anderson, and Peterson make up the committee preparing for negotiations. He also talked about Superintendent's plans to identify other academic possibilities for MVED to co-op with. Paul updated those present on the completion of the Special Education Director search. There was a small, but good pool of applicants, with two candidates being interviewed. Ultimately, the Superintendent's recommended entering into contract negotiations with current Interim Director, Bob Vaadeland. Bob's experience level and past year of service at MVED will give continued stability to the organization.

Principal, John Lustig, talked about extended school year programming. Students that will participate are currently being identified. He mentioned that testing has started this week at MVED. He also spoke about positive behavior support and students earning PRIDE slips when showing empathy, respect, etc. If students earn enough slips they will be rewarded with John wearing a pink dress to school.

Board Member, Brian Wiederich, suggested having a name placard sitting in front of each member at meetings to assist with learning everyone's name.

MVED Board Members should complete the mileage reimbursement form and turn it in at the June 13th Board meeting. Waivers are available for Board Members wishing to waive payment for attendance and mileage.

Future meetings:

Tuesday	June 13, 2017	MVED District Office	6:00 PM
Tuesday	August 8, 2017	MVED District Office	6:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm (Wiederich/May, unanimous)

Jack May