

**Special Education Department
Board Report
February 13, 2019**

We held interviews on January 29th for the secretarial position that will be vacant at the end of the month due to Marcia Peterson retiring. The interview team consisted of Tricia, Casey, Lisa Anderson, and Amber Schiltz. We interviewed three candidates for the secretarial position. We are recommending the board hire Nicole Garvaglia to fill the position. She has had several years of office experience and we feel she will be a good fit for the position.

We also held interviews on January 29th for the vacant instructional aide position that we have in our Woodland CI program. We interviewed three candidates and are happy to bring a familiar name, Rebecca Grider, to the board to ratify and approve her hire. Rebecca previously worked for our department as an aide a couple of years ago and has been currently subbing in our classrooms. She is very well liked by both the students and the staff. Rebecca started working in the classroom on February 4th due the board allowing us to temporarily hire prior to the February 13th board meeting.

We are getting ready for our annual UP SE Conference held at NMU on February 21 and 22. The majority of our staff attend the conference and we cover the registration costs for our local district special education staff members to attend as well. In addition, we are offering reimbursement for travel and expense to the local districts to cover the cost to send their special education staff. The conference should be excellent. The main session on Thursday focuses on educating students with complex behaviors. On Friday morning, Dr. Paula Kluth, consultant and author, will present a morning workshop on creating an inclusive environment in our schools for all learners. Friday afternoon will consist of a variety of break-out sessions for educators and administrators to choose from.

