



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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Executive Advisory Board Meeting

May 6, 2026

9:00 AM

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174.

Call to Order

Dr. Gordon, Superintendent D303, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following members were also present: Ms. Chase, Asst Director of Special Ed. D101; Dr. Kilrea, Interim Superintendent D301; and Dr. Rohlwing, Superintendent D302. Absent was Mr. Kim, Superintendent D101; and Dr. Barrett, Superintendent D304.

Also present: Special Education Administrative Liaisons/Designees from the member districts; Mrs. Lisa Palese, Mid-Valley Executive Director; Mr. Matthew McDonald, Mid-Valley Director of Business and Human Resources; and Mrs. Brandi Pedersen, Recording Secretary.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, April 8, 2026
- 3.2 Approval of Closed Session Minutes, April 8, 2026
- 3.3 Approval of Bills, April 2026
- 3.4 Approval of Payroll, April 2026
- 3.5 Approval of Financial Report, April 2026
- 3.6 Approval of the Treasurer's Report, April 2026

Dr. Gordon called for Approval of the Consent Agenda. Dr. Rohlwing moved and Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. Approval of the Consent Agenda was confirmed by unanimous vote. 4-0.

For Information

4.1 Student Enrollment Update and Classroom Openings

Mrs. Palese provided an enrollment update. Since August 2025, Mid-Valley has welcomed forty-two new students, with 2 additional pending placements. Eighteen students have either returned to their home schools, accepted their diplomas, or moved.

4.2 Staffing Update

Mr. McDonald reported no significant changes.

4.3 2026-27 Projections Update

Mrs. Palese stated current estimates indicate we will begin the 2026–27 school year with approximately 40 more students than at the start of August 2025.

4.4 2026-27 Staffing Update

Mrs. Palese informed that the current plan reflects an overall reduction compared to the 2025–26 board-approved staffing levels, including decreases of 3.2 FTE certified/therapist staff and 6.4 FTE classified staff.

4.5 FY27 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. McDonald presented the FY27 Preliminary Budget. Several key areas include tuition and service rates, projected invoices, year-over-year rate changes, enrollment trends, capacity utilization, and program-specific classroom costs.

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session by Roll Call Vote for the Purpose of

Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)

Motion made by Dr. Rohlwing and seconded by Dr. Kilrea for Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

Time Adjourned to Closed Session 9:12 AM

Closed Session

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Dr. Gordon called the Closed Session to order at 9:12 AM

Adjournment to Open Session

Motion made by Dr. Rohlwing and seconded by Dr. Kilrea for Approval to Adjourn to Open Session. By consensus, the motion carried 4-0 Ayes.

Time back in Open Session 9:33 AM

Roll Call

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For Action

8.1 Approval of the Personnel Report, April 2026

Dr. Rohlwing motioned, seconded by Dr. Gordon, for Approval of the Personnel Report, April 2026. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

8.2 Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of District-Owned Property

Dr. Kilrea motioned, seconded by Dr. Rohlwing, for Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of District-Owned Property. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

8.3 Approval of Nursing Staff Hourly Wage Increase

Dr. Rohlwing motioned, seconded by Dr. Gordon, for Approval of Nursing Staff Hourly Wage Increase. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

8.4 Approval of ESY Leadership Stipend

Dr. Rohlwing motioned, seconded by Dr. Kilrea, for Approval of ESY Leadership Stipend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

8.5 Approval of the 2026-27 Administrator Salaries

Dr. Rohlwing motioned, seconded by Dr. Gordon, for Approval of the 2026-27 Administrator Salaries. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

Adjournment

Motion made by Dr. Kilrea, and seconded by Dr. Rohlwing. By consensus, the motion carried 4-0 Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Chair of the Mid-Valley Board

The next Regular Mid-Valley Executive Advisory Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 9:00 AM at the Mid-Valley Administration Offices, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue. St. Charles, IL 60174