



## ***Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative***

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### **Executive Advisory Board Meeting**

**June 5, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174.

#### **Call to Order**

Dr. Gordon, Superintendent D303, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Upon roll call the following members were also present: Mr. Kim, Superintendent D101; Mr. Potsic, Representative for D301; and Dr. Leden, Superintendent D302. Dr. Barrett, Superintendent D304, arrived after Roll Call and the Approval of the Agenda at 9:02 a.m. Absent was Dr. Mongan, Superintendent D301.

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.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

Dr. Barrett arrived at 9:02 a.m.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, May 1, 2024
- 4.2 Approval of Bills, May, 2024
- 4.3 Approval of Payroll, May, 2024
- 4.4 Approval of Financial Report, May, 2024
- 4.5 Approval of the Treasurer's Report May, 2024

Dr. Gordon called for Approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Kim moved, and Dr. Barrett seconded the motion. Approval of the Consent Agenda was confirmed by unanimous vote. 5-0.

#### **Information**

##### **5.1 Student Enrollment and Classroom Space Update**

Mrs. Palese provided the 2024-25 school year projections and compared them to the 2023-24 school year projections. As of 5/31/24 there are a projected 272 program students and 94 students receiving hearing services for a total of 366 students projected for the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Palese also gave the projected numbers for how many students were in each program, each class and the number of available openings, if any.

## **5.2 2024-25 Staffing Update**

Mrs. Palese reported the number of filled staff positions as well as the number of vacancies needing to be filled for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

## **5.3 Celebrating SEA and SAIL**

Mr. Ackerman shared some of the successes for the SEA and SAIL programs. This year there were 15 students that graduated from SAIL and 4 from SEA. 19 new students will start in the fall at SAIL and 9 at SEA. Mr. Ackerman expressed thanks and gratitude for allowing another case manager for the SEA program that will be starting this fall. He also expressed what a great team he has and how they are the reason for the success of the evolving and expanding programs.

## **For Discussion**

### **6.1 Mid-Valley Services for Multilingual Students**

Mrs. Palese gave information to the Board regarding ELL services for Mid-Valley students. This is a challenging task since district team members provide services to their own students who could be at any of the 5-member district schools. It would be more practical and beneficial for a Mid-Valley team member to be able to provide direct services to students who are identified as needing this level of service. Mid-Valley would like to develop a committee of EL Directors and Special Education Leaders to work together next year to design a more comprehensive plan for the future. For now, Mid-Valley is asking to add an additional half day to a .80 FTE staff member who is able to provide these services until a set plan is in place. The Board members were in agreement, and this will go as an Action item at the next Board Meeting.

## **For Action**

### **7.1 Approval of the Personnel Report, May, 2024**

Mr. Kim motioned, seconded by Dr. Barrett, for Approval of the Personnel Report. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 5-0

## **New Business**

None

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

- (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. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Kim for Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote. 5-0.

## **Time Adjourned to Closed Session 9:31 AM**

## **Closed Session**

- (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)*

Dr. Gordon called the Closed Session to order at 9:34 AM

## **Adjournment to Open Session**

Motion made by Dr. Leden and seconded by Dr. Barrett for Approval to Adjourn to Open Session. By consensus, the motion carried 5-0 Ayes.

**Time back in Open Session 9:42 AM**

## **Roll Call**

The following members were present back in Open Session: Mr. Kim, Superintendent D101; Mr. Potsic, Representative for D301; Dr. Leden, Superintendent D302; Dr. Gordon, Superintendent D303; and Dr. Barrett, Superintendent D304.

## **For Action**

### **12.1 Approval of the 2024-25 Administrator Salaries**

Mr. Kim motioned, seconded by Dr. Barrett, for Approval of the 2024-25 Administrator Salaries. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 5-0

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Dr. Leden and seconded by Dr. Barrett. By consensus, the motion carried 5-0 Ayes.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM**

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Chair of the Mid-Valley Board

***The next Regular Mid-Valley Executive Advisory Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 9:00 AM at the Mid-Valley Administration Offices, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue. St. Charles, IL 60174***