



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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Executive Advisory Board Meeting

April 8, 2026

9:00 AM

The Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 8, 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 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following members were also present: Mr. Kim, Superintendent D101; Dr. Rohlwing, Superintendent D302; and Dr. Barrett, Superintendent D304. Absent was Dr. Kilrea, Interim 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.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes, Executive Board Meeting, March 4, 2026
- 3.2 Approval of Bills, March 2026
- 3.3 Approval of Payroll, March 2026
- 3.4 Approval of Financial Report, March 2026
- 3.5 Approval of the Treasurer's Report, March 2026

Dr. Gordon called for Approval of the Consent Agenda. Dr. Barrett moved and Dr. Rohlwing 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 new students, with 2 additional pending placement. 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 shared current estimates indicate we will begin the 2026–27 school year with approximately 48 more students than at the start of August 2025. Based on these early projections, we anticipate starting out the year with several classrooms filled or close to capacity.

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 4.3 FTE certified/therapist staff and 5.0 FTE classified staff. It is important to note that these recommendations remain preliminary and may change as additional referrals are received and pending student placements are finalized.

4.5 Business Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2026

Mr. McDonald shared the Business Meeting Minutes. Key points were Billing for FY27 and Transition Facility discussion.

4.6 Freedom of Information Act Request(s)

Mr. McDonald responded to a FOIA request where he provided basic information.

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. Barrett for Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session. Motion was passed with unanimous roll call vote. 5-0

Time Adjourned to Closed Session 9:14 AM

Closed Session

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Dr. Gordon called the Closed Session to order at 9:16 AM

Adjournment to Open Session

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

Time back in Open Session 9:38 AM

Roll Call

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

For Action**8.1 Approval of CUSD 303 Administrative Fees for FY27**

Dr. Barrett motioned, seconded by Dr. Rohlwing, for the Approval of CUSD 303 Administrative Fees for FY27. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

8.2 Approval of the Personnel Report, March 2026

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

8.3 Approval of Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Member

Dr. Rohlwing motioned, seconded by Mr. Kim, for Approval of Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Member. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. 4-0

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM

Chair of the Mid-Valley Board

The next Regular Mid-Valley Executive Advisory Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9:00 AM at the Mid-Valley Administration Offices, 1304 Ronzheimer Avenue. St. Charles, IL 60174