

**CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE (CVSEC)**  
**Independent School District 6094-52**

**Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 4:00 PM, CVSEC District Office  
200 Western Avenue NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

Board Members Present: Amberg, Goerwitz, Mohs  
Board Members Absent: Robicheau  
Staff Members Present: Bauer, Boehme, Burkhart, Dominick, Bente, DeMars,  
Erickson, Ferris, Hausen, Innes, Johnson, Klawiter,  
Knutson, Korolewski, Mador, McGuire, Neitzell, Ozmun,  
Qual, Reindl, Ristau, Rock, Scheiber, Smith, Storm, Theis,  
Tratz, Trosin, Tweet, Vargo, Vold, Washa

**1) Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion to Call the Meeting to Order and Approve the Agenda: Goerwitz  
Second: Amberg

AYE: All  
NAY: None

The meeting was opened at 4:00 PM.

**2) Consent Agenda:**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda: Amberg  
Second: Goerwitz

AYE: All  
NAY: None

*A) Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10/22/2024*

*B) Approval of Claims*

*C) Staff Updates*

(1) New Hires:

Brase, Susan - EA at SUN - Effective 12/09/2024

Donohue, Caitlin - EA at ALEX - Effective 11/06/2024

(2) Transfers:

(3) Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations:

Oraskovich, Clara - EA at SUN - Effective 11/29/2024

Paires, Maria Jjij Patiga - Special Education Teacher at ALEX - Effective 10/29/2024

Schmitz, Emma - EA at STEP - Effective 11/04/2024

(4) Leaves of Absence:

Horness, Michelle - Unpaid Medical Leave - Effective 12/20/2024 to 02/14/2025

(5) Other:

Hanson, Krystal - Special Education Teacher at ALEX - Start Date Amended to 01/10/2025

3) **Public Input:**

Mohs reminded attendees about the Public Comment rules before the speakers began.

Cooperative employee Mandi Tweet spoke for 3 minutes and submitted a petition.

Cooperative employee James Tratz spoke for 3 minutes.

4) **Reports and Communication:**

A) *Executive Director's and Enrollment Reports*

The fiscal audit has been completed and will be presented in December. Professional Development tomorrow will focus on the READ Act, Life Space Crisis Intervention, and internet safety. The Cannon Valley Makers Market had its grand opening with the Chamber of Commerce. It was a fantastic event, and Board Member Goerwitz attended. Business has exceeded expectations so far. CVSEC enrollment is 91 students. There are referrals for SUN and ALEX.

B) *ALEX Coordinator Report*

Korolewski updated the Board on the ALEX Program. Staff is seeing students with more complex mental health needs. Skills that previously had been worked on at home, such as tying shoes, are now being taught at school. Staff is seeing increased physicality from students. Referrals for younger students have increased due to the inability of districts to suspend younger students. County services in schools are decreasing. A large portion of the ALEX population has only one parent at home. This is a significant difference from prior years. Staff is seeing an increased history of CPS exposure and parent drug use. Teaching has been focused on improving early literacy and ensuring grade level proficiency. Staff is working with evidence-based techniques and using timely assessments and supports. Information is regularly communicated to parents so they're

aware of their student's reading level. Korolewski reported on individual student academic achievements. BI calls have gone up significantly, but kids are transitioning back to class sooner than last year. Staff is seeing that students are self-advocating when they call a BI; recognizing when they need extra support. The ALEX Mental Health team is busier this year with students who have more intense mental health needs. 77% of the students in ALEX are CTSS eligible. 94% of the students attend individual mental health sessions. Mental Health Professionals communicate regularly with families.

5) **Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

6) **New Business:**

*A) Acceptance of Donation of School Supplies from Faribault St. Vincent de Paul Society - Action: Roll Call*

Motion to Accept Donation of School Supplies from Faribault St. Vincent de Paul Society:  
Mohs

Second: Goerwitz

AYE: All

NAY: None

Amberg: AYE

Goerwitz: AYE

Mohs: AYE

*B) Acceptance of \$2,143.43 Grant from SHIP Rice County Public Health - Action: Roll Call*

Motion to Accept \$2,143.43 Grant from SHIP Rice County Public Health: Amberg

Second: Goerwitz

AYE: All

NAY: None

Amberg: AYE

Goerwitz: AYE

Mohs: AYE

*C) Acceptance of an Anonymous Donation of \$2,500.00 - Action: Roll Call*

Motion to Accept Anonymous Donation of \$2,500.00: Mohs

Second: Amberg

AYE: All  
NAY: None

Amberg: AYE  
Goerwitz: AYE  
Mohs: AYE

*D) Acceptance of Donations of Supplies to Cannon Valley Makers Market -  
Action: Roll Call*

Motion to Accept Donations of Supplies to Cannon Valley Makers Market: Amberg  
Second: Mohs

AYE: All  
NAY: None

Amberg: AYE  
Goerwitz: AYE  
Mohs: AYE

*E) CVSEC Board Policy 522 Revision - Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy,  
Grievance Procedure and Process - First Reading*

McGuire walked the Board through any changes. This policy will be approved at the December meeting.

*F) CVSEC Board Policy 524.5 - Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy –  
First Reading*

McGuire walked the Board through any changes. This policy will be approved at the December meeting.

7) **Other:** There was no Other Business.

8) **Comments: Board/Director:** There were no comments.

9) **Next Meeting Date:** December 17, 2024, at 4:00 PM  
200 Western Ave NW Faribault, MN 55021

10) **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn: Mohs  
Second: AG

AYE: ALL

NAY: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 12/17/2024

Amy Goerwitz, Board Secretary