

# BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

10:00 a.m. – Cooperative Office/Go to Meeting

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Stiegler called the meeting to order at 10:05. Board members in attendance Stiegler, Scully, Moore, Pearson, and Toynbee. Co-op admin staff in attendance Miller, Reynolds, Hughes, and Zieglowsky. Other Co-op staff in attendance Gideon, Welch, Wanner, Moresi, Pepion.
2. **Introduce Staff Representative** – No assigned representative, Moresi volunteered to the representative on this call.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Motion to approve consent agenda by Scully. Second by Pearson. Discussion around the date for the next meeting because at this time we may need another one in June. Motion amended to approve consent agenda excluding 3.F. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.
  - A. Minutes – May 26 Board Meeting
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Financial Report
  - D. New Hires
    1. None
  - E. Resignations - attached
    1. Kelsey Ewer, CSCT BC, Stevensville Elem.
    2. Ashley Hughes, CSCT Therapist, Hamilton MS
  - F. Next Meeting –
4. **Public Comment** – Gideon thanked Miller for his years of service, his expertise and his fair and balanced support to the staff, programs, and kids.
5. **Correspondence** – none.
6. **Board Action**
  - A. **Appoint Board Chair for 2020-21** – Motion to approve Moore as Board Chair by Pearson. Second by Toynbee. Roll call vote 4-0 (Moore did not vote), motion carries.
  - B. **Director's Contract** – Motion to approve Director's contract by Moore, second by Scully. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.

- C. Director's Contract Addendum for work in June** – Motion to approve the Contract Addendum by Moore, second by Scully. Roll call vote 4-0 (Toynbee lost connection during this vote), motion carries.
- D. Contract Renewals – Clinical Supervisor, Business Manager, Program Manager, and the Proposed Contract Language change** – Motion to approve all three contract renewals with 2% Wage increase and 3% Insurance increase, and the insurance contract language change by Scully, second by Toynbee. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.
- E. Independent Contract Renewal – Mental Health Medical Director** – Motion to approve contract renewal with 0% increase and no Insurance by Scully, second by Moore. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.
- F. 2020-21 Budget Approval** – 3.6% increase in District contributions, using 100% of Co-op designated ESSER Emergency Funds, and increased Federal Fund flow-through dollars to Districts by \$13,775. Motion to approve the Budget as presented made by Moore, second by LP. Discussion regarding the continued decline of the carryover dollars, this is not sustainable. Superintendents should address the need for additional co-op funding with the State. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries
- G. Notice to Cooperative Employees Bargaining Unit** – Intent to modify or amend agreement for 2019-21 that expires June 30, 2021 because we need a more functional layoff-recall provision and need to discuss the need to pay employees hourly versus salaried to adjust to variable school schedules. Motion to approve by Scully, second by Toynbee. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.
- H. BVEC 2020-21 Calendar** – Motion to approve the calendar by Toynbee, second by Moore. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carries.

**7. Information and Discussion A. Updates: CARE ESSER/School Emergency Relief funds for CSCT Program Start-up**

Darby, Florence, Stevensville, Victor school board have approved funding for CSCT teams. Miller expressed his appreciation to these Superintendents and their Boards for their continued support of their CSCT programs. Miller will attend Lone Rock board meeting at 7 pm on June 16<sup>th</sup> to support the request for approving funding for outpatient therapist. Hamilton School District has not yet agreed to support the funding request, it is on the agenda for their Board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Hughes will attend the Hamilton Board meeting to represent the Co-op. Hughes, Miller, Rammell and Reynolds attended a meeting with Korst, the Hamilton Board Chair, two principals, and Heinsman on June 10<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting it did not appear they would support or recommend supporting the use of these funds to restart their CSCT programs. Since then Korst has had conversations with Hughes that they might be interested in keeping two teams at the high school and supporting the funding request for those teams.

More discussion regarding the fact that keeping high school teams is not something the Co-op or the Board would readily support as history has shown it is harder to cover costs with high school teams. If this is the decision of the Hamilton Board, the BVEC Board will need to meet to review and vote on whether to support this

**B. Discussion of Mental Health Summer Programs** – Hughes discussed the intent to strategically start CSCT summer programs in July in Districts where we can cover costs, socially distance, provide appropriate protection for students, staff, and schools. Superintendents agreed with this approach if we work with the districts and their safety protocols or requirements for prior approval.

**Non-Agenda Item** – Stiegler acknowledged and thanked Miller for his years of service to students and schools in the Valley. Second by others on the call.

**9. Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 11:21.



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**Board Chair**

**Date**



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**Business Manager/Board Clerk**

**Date**