

Special Meeting of the Board of the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative

Thursday, April 30, 2020

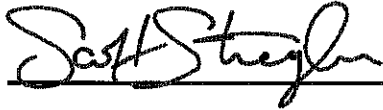
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Victor School District

Mary Stuart Rogers Performing Arts Center

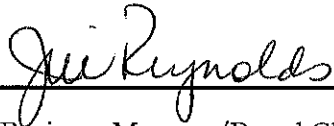
1. **Call to Order** – Scott Stiegler called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM. Board members in attendance: Stiegler, Moore, Scully, Pearson and Johnston; Co-op administrative staff in attendance: Miller, Hughes and Reynolds; Co-op employees in attendance: Moresi, Lampi, Hildebrand, Wanner, Widmer and Gideon; Attorney Bea Kaleva. Stiegler explained the Board would rotate asking questions and the Board would monitor time.
2. **Interview Robert Dobell** – The interview proceeded with Board asking questions, candidate replies, then the candidate was asked if they had questions for the Board.
3. **Interview Jenny Rammell** – The interview proceeded with Board asking questions, candidate replies, then the candidate was asked if they had questions for the Board.
4. The Board and Kaleva went into executive session to review background checks and discuss candidates.
5. **Public Comment on Candidates** – Moresi spoke for employees stating the candidate they would choose would be Rammell for the following reasons:
 - a. Stood out as “working in the trenches” regarding Special Education.
 - b. Mental health could be learned because we have Hughes and Zeiglowisky. Also, Rammell had worked with CSCT from the beginning in Clinton Schools.
 - c. Candidate spoke to ARMS, which showed if she might not have all the answers she knew where to go to get them.
 - d. Timing is crucial to allow time for mentoring with Miller.
6. **Stiegler called for a motion.** Scully made motion to hire Jenny Rammell. Johnston seconded motion.
7. **Board Discussion** - Scully commented on Rammell’s extensive Special Education background and its importance. Mental Health learning would be supported by our quality Mental Health Programs Manager. Pearson agreed with Scully. Moore stated that the candidates had separate strengths and interviewed well, but he did concur that Rammell had the Special Education experience. Johnston commented that no one will fill Miller’s shoes 100% and it will take a strong commitment by all to work with and grow whoever is chosen. Stiegler thanked the office staff and employees for their participation and stated that it was important in their consideration of candidates.

8. Scully repeated motion to hire Jenny Rammell as cooperative Director and authorize Kaleva to negotiate a contract. Motion carries 5-0.
9. Next meeting date will be in May but will be earlier than fourth Tuesday to allow for contract approval and distribution. No date was set.
10. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.



5/26/2020

Board Chair Signature and Date



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Business Manager/Board Clerk Signature and Date