

**BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE  
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – Cooperative Office

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** – Scott Stiegler called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. In attendance: Stiegler, Bud Scully, Bob Moore and Lance Pearson. Tim Miller, Chris Hughes and Jill Reynolds also in attendance.
2. **Introduce Staff Representative** – no representative this month.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Moore motion to approve, second by Scully. Motion carries 4-0.
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Financial Report
  - D. New Hires
    1. Lynn Bradford, Part-time Preschool Paraeducator
  - E. Resignations
    1. Tim Miller, Director
  - F. Next Meeting – March 24, 2020
4. **Public Comment** – none.
5. **Correspondence** – **letters of appreciation** sent based on positive feedback from clinical supervisors.
  - A. Robin Enzminger, CSCT Behavior Consultant, Victor
  - B. Heather Schrauth, CSCT Behavior Consultant, Darby
  - C. Ashley Fuchs, CSCT Therapist, Florence
6. **Board Action**
  - A. **Director position 2020-21** – Moore motioned to hire Kaleva Law Firm to run executive search. Flat fee of \$4,000. Second by Pearson. Moore will contact Kaleva to begin process.
  - B. **New CSCT Teams** - Miller and Hughes discussed the feasibility assessment and risks associated with contracting for two teams in Corvallis, one in elementary and one in secondary, because the caseloads currently exist, and most clients are covered by Medicaid. The program would be contingent on our ability to hire qualified staff and that it not adversely

affect existing programs. Without a robust summer program, the teams would probably run a deficit the first year, then more likely be financially sustainable beginning year two.

Services would begin with summer programs if staff can be hired in time, if not services will begin with the 2020-21 school year. If a service agreement is signed, BVEC would issue 2020-21 school year contracts in March, versus April, to determine total staffing needs earlier.

Moore expressed concerns with the impact to our current supervision staff given their current workload and Miller retiring. Miller explained he has the utmost confidence in Hughes, clinical supervisors and business manager to lead this expansion as well as to educate the new Director if that person doesn't have mental health service experience. Hughes spoke to the need for additional supervision and that this would be done by additional days for supervision, but also restructuring existing coverage strategies.

Moore addressed, and other Board members agreed with, concerns with providing services to districts that are not Co-op members. Co-op members having issues that require BVEC staff support should take priority over Districts that are not Co-op members that are having issues. It was agreed that this was a philosophical issue and not a financial issue.

Hughes explained that elementary programs help financially support secondary programs in our member Districts, and this would be the same for Corvallis

Scully made a motion to approve the recommendation to provide CSCT services in Corvallis, pending the Corvallis School Board approval and a successful negotiation of services to be provided. Motion seconded by Pearson. Motion carries 4-0.

Hamilton School District has also approached us about providing a CSCT team for an Alternative Learning Center they intend to open. Less financial risk with self-contained programs. There was more discussion with concerns of providing services to Districts that are not members of the Co-op.

Moore made motion to approve pending successful negotiation with HSD and viable creation of said program. Scully seconded motion. Motion carries 4-0.

**C. Wage & benefit negotiations for classified staff, clinical supervisors, office staff. –**

Scully and Pearson volunteered to be on management negotiation team, and the first meeting will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> at the BVEC co-op office.

**7. Information and Discussion**

**A. Legal Update: District's Liability When Changing IEP** – All agreed this was an excellent example and Miller will share with District Principals and Staff as needed.

**9. Adjourn** – Stiegler adjourned meeting at 10:20.

*Scott Steigler*

4/27/2020

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Board Chair Signature and Date

*Jim Reynolds*

4/27/2020

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Business Manager Signature and Date