

To: Cooperative Board Members  
CC: Tim Miller  
From: Maggie Nelson  
Re: May 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

### **1. Call to Order by Board Chair**

Board Chair, Lance Pearson called the meeting to order at 9:11 am. Attending: Lance Pearson, Bud Scully, Carrie Kouba, Loyd Rennaker, Tim Miller, Melody Lindsey and Maggie Nelson.

### **2. Staff Representative:**

Melody Lindsay, Mental Health Therapist, Victor School District

### **3. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes** – April 24, 2016

**B. Warrants** – May 2016

**C. Financial Report** May 2016

**D. Next Meeting**---The next meeting of the Cooperative Board will be June 14, 2016 at 9:00 am.

Carrie Kouba motioned to approve consent agenda with the Board meeting for June being on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Bud Scully seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

### **4. Public Comment**

Melody Lindsay, CSCT Therapist from Victor stated the teams are all gearing up for summer. She indicated a calendar containing summer activities and work days is quickly filling up. She is excited for summer to work with the kids and further develop the relationships.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **A. Letter of Appreciation –**

1. Karen Gideon, Speech Therapist, Stevensville. Lone Rock
2. Wendi Wood, Physical Therapist, All districts

Tim Miller stated the letters of appreciation were to recognize the extra work and time both employees put in as beta testers for the Big Sistah system regarding Special Education billing. Miller stated that with the addition of special education billing, having two people take the lead and test was a way to work together to ensure the system will work correctly for the newly adding billing.

### **6. Board Action**

- A. Board Resolution to Legislative School Funding Commission** – Miller updated the Board on the status of the Legislative School Funding Commission. He stated a final meeting of the committee will be on June 13, 2016 in Helena, where hopefully a decision on which funding option to take to Legislators next session will be made. Miller asked the

board to approve a resolution to go before the School Funding Commission. Miller reiterated the three options on the table now:

- 1) One-time only inflationary adjustment for Co-ops and special education funding in general;
- 2) Both annual inflationary increase for special education and 2 million dollar additional funds for Co-op Admin/Travel (permanent);
- 3) 2-million-dollar additional annual allocation for Co-op Admin/Travel – only – no annual inflationary adjustment (permanent).

Scully made a motion to approve the resolution to take before the School Funding Commission. Kouba seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

#### **B. Employee Request for Contract Reinstatement –**

Miller informed the Board Cami Hildebrand, School Psychologist, Florence erroneously missed the May 17 deadline to return her employment contract. He asked the board to approve reinstatement without loss of pay or seniority but subject to a one-year probationary period consistent with past practice.

Scully motion to approve the reinstatement of Cami Hildebrand, School Psychologist, Florence-Carlton, without loss of pay or seniority but subject to 1-year probation provisions under Article 7 – Discipline and Discharge in the 2013-2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Kouba seconded. Scully stated he would like to Hildbrand moved to 1.0 FTE for Florence. Motion to reinstate carries 4-0.

- C. 2016-17 BVEC Calendar –** Miller presented the board with a calendar for the 2016-2017 school year for itinerant staff. District staff follow the district calendar for which they work. Miller informed the board we tried to match our member districts as closely as possible. Kouba motioned to approve BVEC calendar for 2016-2017 school year. Scully seconded. Motion carries, 4-0.

#### **D. Interlocal Agreement Amendments –**

Miller informed the board of minor updates; remove Hamilton School District and add non discrimination clause. Loyd Rennaker motions to approve Interlocal Agreement, Scully seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

### **7. Information and Discussion**

#### **A. None**

### **8. Adjourn**

Pearson adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.

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Clerk's Signature

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