

1315 S Broadway Street New Ulm, MN 56073 ph. (507) 359-8700 fax (507) 359-1161

Board Minutes

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022

Members present: Remus, Hazelwood, Merkel, Steve Sorenson (substitute), Spitzner, Sykes, and

Sunderman

Members absent: Lais

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to approve the agenda as amended and including an addition of the Licensed EE Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Hazelwood to approve the following:

June 2022 total disbursements - \$349,063.60

Wire amount - \$223,668.34 Payment #s - 33340-33362; 33402-33404

Check Amount - \$106,742.85 Check #s - 23675-23705

Credit Card Amount - \$18,652.41 Payment #s - 33363-33401

July 2022 total disbursements - \$531,514.21

Wire amount - \$323,216.16 Payment #s - 33417-33445; 33478-33487

Check Amount - \$196,819.77 Check #s - 23706-23743

Credit Card Amount - \$11,478.28 Payment #s - 33446-33477

Bradley Carlton discussed 2022's Audit Engagement Letter from Abdo Solutions with the board. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Director Doug Hazen, Program Coordinators Chris Bodick and Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve the following:

Contracts for the 2022-2023 School year

Melanie Adema – MA Billing Specialist \$49,217 for 205 days/year
Rashelle Weicherding – Technology Coordinator \$69,183 for 225 days/year
Paula Williamson – Accountant/MARSS Coordinator \$49,705 for 260 days/year
Anna Fleischmann – Alternative Program Administrative Coordinator \$109,388.09 for 225 days/year

Chris Bodick – ALC/Imprints Coordinator \$109,388.09 for 225 days/year.

Doug Hazen – Executive Director \$141,811 for 260 days/year.

Motion by Sykes, second by Sorenson to approve the following:

New Hire

Haley Novak- SpEd Secretary, starting at \$17.61/hr., 8 hours a day, up to 240 contract days. Elysia Brudelie – Paraprofessional, starting at \$16.30/hr., 7 hours a day, up to 154 contract days for FY23.

Morgan Klingler – Physical Therapist Assistant, starting at \$41,838.00/year, 8 hours a day, 185 days per year.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Merkel to approve the following resignations.

Resignations

Jesse Enger – Paraprofessional, effective June 2, 2022 Brittany Koss – Physical Therapist Assistant effect August 31, 2022 Abby Schwartz – Occupational Therapist effective September 9, 2022

Katelyn Holm – Early Childhood request pending upon completion of her August work.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sykes, second by Sunderman to approve the above overload pay for Donna Henning, Mary Olson, and Cindy Brunner at a rate of \$83.33/day starting August 24, 2022, until a new employee is found for Early Childhood Special Ed. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Spitzner to approve childcare leave, per the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), for Ben Westphal for 4 weeks starting on or around November 4, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sykes, second by Sunderman to approve Tuition for Laura Fortwengler per Licensed Contract, Article VI, Subd.10, Assigned Advancement Degree and License. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sykes, second by Hazelwood to approve River Bend Education District Amended School Calendars for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Sorenson to approve the proposal from GSM in the amount of \$3,150.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Sykes to approve the Licensed EE Handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Paula Williamson Accountant



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Special Board Meeting

Monday, August 29th, 2022

Members present: Remus, Hazelwood, Merkel, Lais, Spitzner, Sykes, and Sunderman

Members absent:

Others present: Doug Hazen, Bradley Carlson, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to go into a closed meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting re-opened.

Motion by Lais, second by Sykes to approve the agreement settled on in closed session with former employee. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Sykes, second by Merkel to approve the agreement between District 88 and River Bend for food services for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to approve the proposal from Paul's Electric in the amount of \$338.00 per light. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



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Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Members present: Remus, Hazelwood, Lais, Spitzner, and Sunderman

Members absent: Merkel, Sykes

Others present: Doug Hazen, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Lais to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve the minutes as presented / amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to approve the following:

August 2022 total disbursements - \$681,764.88

Wire amount - \$372,715.27 Payment #s - 33429; 33520-33538; 33582-33586

Check Amount - \$293,567.88 Check #s - 23744-23775

Credit Card Amount - \$15,481.73 Payment #s - 33539-33581

Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Director Doug Hazen, Program Coordinator Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Hazelwood to approve the following:

New Hire

Katherine Northagen – Occupational Therapist, salaried at \$59,592.00 for 185 days / year. Hank Campbell – Paraprofessional, part-time starting at \$14.57/hr., 2 days a week Chloe Leif – Paraprofessional, part-time starting at \$14.57/hr., 2 days a week

Motin carried 5-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Lais to approve extended childcare leave for Rachel Pfarr until the 2023-2024 school year. They requested that if she decides not to return for the 2023-2024 school year, that she informs River Bend by February 1, 2023, if possible. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to approve overload pay for Katie Parsons and Sarah Ramsley from September 12 -26, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Lais to approve tuition for Jessica Kuehn. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve tuition for Jennifer Isaac. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Sunderman to increase the substitute teacher rate from \$120 a day to \$150 a day to match New Ulm substitute rate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Spitzner second by Hazelwood to approve the School Nursing Service Agreement with New Ulm Public School for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to approve the Purchase Agreement with Mankato Public Schools for ECSE services. Motion carried 5-0.

Member Sunderman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the River Bend Education District No. 6049 Board of Education as follows: That the attached donations be accepted with appreciation.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Lais, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: Remus, Hazelwood, Lais, Spitzner, and Sunderman.

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 25th, 2022

Members present: Remus, Hazelwood, Merkel, Lais, and Sunderman

Members absent: Spitzner, Sykes

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Sunderman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Merkle, second by Lais to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Lais to approve the following:

September 2022 total disbursements - \$504,264.04

Wire amount - \$287,323.49 Payment #s - 33611-33616; 33675-33695

Check Amount - \$197,330.57 Check #s - 23776-23799

Credit Card Amount - \$19,609.98 Payment #s - 33642-33674

Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Director Doug Hazen, Program Coordinator Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve the following resignations:

Nancy Dauer – 1:1 RISE Paraprofessional, effective September 13th, 2022 Jennifer Clark – ALC Teacher, effective October 3rd, 2022 Danielle Weiss- RISE Teacher, effective December 22, 2022 Payment of Education Tuition of \$15,681.79 by January 30, 2023

Melissa Bockelmann – resigning her current position as the Special Ed Teacher at Northside Elementary School effective October 31, 2022

Motin carried 5-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Lais to approve childcare leave for Liza Rignell, Speech Pathologist, who is requesting a 20-week childcare leave. Liza is new to River Bend this year and does not qualify for the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Her leave would start somewhere around January 14th, 2023, and she would return somewhere around June 1st, 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

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Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to approve tuition payable to Jennifer Isaac. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lais, second by Merkel to approve tuition payable to Jessica Kuehn. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve the contract with Creative Touch Landscaping for snow removal. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Hazelwood to approve revised Policy 416. Motion by Lais, second by Merkel to approve revised Policy 418. Motion by Hazelwood, second by Sunderman to approve revised Policy 722. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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Board Minutes

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022

Members present: Darla Remus, Jon Hazelwood, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, Shannon Sykes,

and Melissa Sunderman

Members absent:

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, Bradley Carlton and

Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Spitzner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Lais to approve the following:

October 2022 total disbursements - \$581,470.69

Wire amount - \$431,869.69 Payment #s - 33770-33801

Check Amount - \$138,315.44 Check #s - 23800-23833

Credit Card Amount - \$11,285.56 Payment #s - 33726-33769

Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Director Doug Hazen, Program Coordinators Chris Bodick and Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Merkel to approve the resignation of Liza Rignell, Speech-Language Pathologist – effective December 9th, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Lais to approve childcare leave for Sara Rathmann, Paraprofessional, per the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for an 8-week childcare leave starting around mid-December. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Hazelwood to recommend Roof Spec Inc, and accept the bid and award Gag Sheet Metal (GSM) as low bidder with a base bid of \$296,400.00 (12.56 per sq ft) for the installation of a new fully adhered 60-mil EPDM roof system. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to accept the bid received from Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. for \$201,854.66 for the new playground. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hazelwood, second by Spitzner to approve the contract with MVED for Birth to Three services the rest of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Sunderman to approve the ALC Penny Wars Fundraiser. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



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Tuesday, December 13th, 2022

Members present: Darla Remus, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, Shannon Sykes, and Melissa

Sunderman

Members absent: Jon Hazelwood

Others present: Doug Hazen, Stephanie Ross, Abby Schmidt, Bradley Carlton and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Sykes, second by Sunderman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sykes, second by Lais to approve the FY 2022 Audit report as presented by Abby Schmidt from Abdo, LLP. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Sykes to approve the following:

November 2022 total disbursements - \$469,620.50

Wire amount - \$290,437.65 Payment #s - 33820-33844; 33890-33902

Check Amount - \$159,012.99 Check #s - 23834-23870

Credit Card Amount - \$20,169.86 Payment #s - 33845-33889

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Merkel to renew the line of credit with United Prairie Bank in the amount of \$300,000. The Board authorizes Executive Director, Doug Hazen, Business Manager, Bradley Carlton, and Accountant, Paula Williamson, to utilize funds from the said Line of Credit as needed for the efficient operation of the Education District. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Director, Doug Hazen updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Lais to approve the new hires, Brianna Steffl, and Stephanie Mathiowitz, Paraprofessionals. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Sykes to approve a lane change for Jessica Kuehn from BA to BA+15 increasing her salary to \$44,961. (Licensed Contract Article VI; Section 5; subd. 3). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Sunderman, second by Spitzner to accept the contract from More Than Music, LLC, Danielle Deopere for a total of 7 hours weekly of Virtual Music Interactions at the cost of no more than \$770.00 a week for the RISE, IMPRINTS and RAPTOR programs. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



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Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, Shannon Sykes, and Melissa

Sunderman

Members absent: Sibley East Representative

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, Bradley Carlton and

Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Rich Spitzner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spitzner, second by Lais, to elect as Darla Remus Chair of the River Bend Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Melissa Sunderman to elect Shannon Sykes as Vice-Chair of the River Bend Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lais to elect Melissa Sunderman as Clerk of the River Bend Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Shannon Sykes to elect Ryan Lais as Treasurer of the River Bend Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ryan Lais, second by Shannon Sykes, to approve all 2023 regular board meetings be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the River Bend conference room. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Rich Spitzner, to designate The Journal of New Ulm as the official newspaper for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Dan Merkel, to designate the United Prairie Bank as the official depository for checking for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dan Merkel, second by Rich Spitzner, to set the salary for the Chairperson at \$400 with \$60 per meeting for all members with an additional \$100 beyond the length of four hours, and mileage at the IRS allowed rate of .655 per mile for the 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lais to remove the dollar amount (strike through) from the minutes. Motion carried 6-0

Chairperson Darla Remus appointed Ryan Lais to serve on the Technology Committee, Dan Merkle and Shannon Sykes to serve on the Negotiations Committee, Rich Spitzner, Melissa Sunderman, and Sibley East Representative to serve on the Policy Committee.

Motion by Ryan Lais, second by Rich Spitzner to approve the following:

December 2022 total disbursements - \$257,654.58

Wire amount - \$235,697.49 Payment #s - 33934 - 33960

Check amount - \$14,711.85. Check #s - 23871 - 23888

Credit card amount - \$7,245.24 Payment #s - 33961 - 33993

Motion carried 6-0.

Director Doug Hazen, and Program Coordinators Chris Bodick and Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve new hires, Steve Smith and Chloe Leif. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve the resignation of Rachel Pfarr, School Psychologist. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Melissa Sunderman to approve tuition for Leslie Urch. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve tuition for Benjamin Westphal. Motion carried 6-0.

Member Melissa Sunderman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO STAFF REDUCTIONS

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the School Board must reduce expenditures, and, WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and, WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contract must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave

of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of River Bend Education District No. 6049, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Director of River Bend Education District to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and because of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions, or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Shannon Sykes and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Remus, Lais, Merkel, Sykes, Spitzner, Sunderman and the following voted against:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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Board Minutes

Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Dan Merkel, Rich Spitzner, Shannon Sykes, and Melissa Sunderman

Members absent: Ryan Lais, Ashley Latzke

Others present: Doug Hazen, Anna Fleischmann, Stephanie Ross, Bradley Carlton and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Dan Merkel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Melissa Sunderman to approve the following:

January 2023 total disbursements - \$393,128.95

Wire amount - \$358,516.88 Payment #s - 34010-34017, 34052 - 34094

Check amount - \$26,503.80 Check #s - 23889 - 23919

Credit card amount - \$8,108.27 Payment #s - 34018 - 34051

Motion carried 5-0.

Director Doug Hazen, and Program Coordinator Anna Fleischmann updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Rich Spitzner to approve new hire, Samantha Cowger. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Dan Merkel to approve childcare leave per the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Karliana Clement for 12 weeks starting at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

Member Shannon Sykes introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the River Bend Education District No. 6049 Board of Education as follows: That the attached donations be accepted with appreciation.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Melissa Sunderman, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof:

Remus, Merkel, Spitzner, Sykes, Sunderman

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



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Board Minutes

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Ashley Latzke, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, and Christie

Dewanz, substitute.

Members absent: Melissa Sunderman, Shannon Sykes

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Kristen Drill, Stephanie Ross, Bradley Carlton, and Paula

Williamson

Chairperson Remus call the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Christie Dewanz, second by Rich Spitzner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Dan Merkel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ryan Lais, second by Christie Dewanz to approve the following:

February 2023 total disbursements - \$373,341.32

Wire amount - \$343,963.29 Payment #s - 3409; 34116-34125, 34156-34188

Check amount - \$16,809.60 Check #s - 23920-23938

Credit card amount - \$12,568.43 Payment #s - 34126 - 34155

Motion carried 5-0.

Kristen Drill updated the Board on Early Childhood Special Education at River Bend and our Districts.

Director Doug Hazen, and Program Coordinator Chris Bodick updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the hire of Holly Syverson, ECSE Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Christie Dewanz, second by Ryan Lais to approve the hire of Bambi Dubke, ECSE Teacher. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dan Merkel, second by Christie Dewanz to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between River Bend Education District, Kristen Drill, and the Union. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between River Bend Education District, Ben Westphal, and the Union. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Dan Merkel to approve tuition for Jessica Kuehn. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Christie Dewanz, second by Ryan Lais to approve a lane change for Jessica Kuehn from BA+15 to BA+30 increasing her salary to \$46,491. (Licensed Contract Article VI; Section 5; subd. 3) Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ashley Latzke, second by Ryan Lais to approve River Bend Education District school calendars for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Christie Dewanz, second by Rich Spitzner to approve revised Policy #522. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Dan Merkel to approve the update to the ALC handbook. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



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Board Minutes

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Ashley Latzke, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, Shannon, Sykes,

Melissa Sunderman

Members absent:

Others present: Doug Hazen, Stephanie Ross, Bradley Carlton, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ryan Lais, second by Dam Merkel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lais to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve the following:

March 2023 total disbursements - \$506,231.65

Wire amount - \$302,585.24 Payment #s - 34211-34244, 34310-34312

Check amount - \$195,840.80 Check #s - 23939-23963

Credit card amount - \$7,805.61 Payment #s - 34275 - 34309

Motion carried 7-0.

Director Doug Hazen updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the hire of Kinsey Meyer, IMPRINTS Teacher. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve the Qualified Mental Health Professional job description.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Melissa Sunderman to engage Hildi Incorporated to complete the GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation study for an estimated cost of \$2,300.00.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the one-year lease agreement for a total of \$39,245.00 with New Ulm Public School.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



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Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Ryan Lais, Shannon Sykes, Melissa Sunderman

Members absent: Ashley Latzke, Dan Merkel, Rich Spitzner

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Stephanie Ross, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve the following.

April 2023 total disbursements - \$303,943.38

Wire amount - \$285,668.15 Payment #s - 34313-34343; 34347-34350; 34371

Check amount - \$12,499.15 Check #s - 23964-23982

Credit card amount - \$5,776.08 Payment #s - 34372 - 34400

Motion carried 4-0.

Director Doug Hazen, and Program Coordinator Chris Bodick updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Melissa Sunderman to approve the consent agenda as presented above and hire Jennesa Rothmeier as part-time ECSE Teacher for June, July and August.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve a lane change for Leslie Urch from BA to BA+15.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve tuition payable for Leslie Urch.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Melissa Sunderman to approve acceptance of the grant and purchase a new AED Unit.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve the 2023-2024 insurance proposal from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$57,367.00.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Melissa Sunderman to approve the cleaning contract with Renuit Cleaning Services in the amount of \$5,395.00 per month, and maintenance contract in the amount of \$910.00 per month for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve the .7 FTE TD/HH contract with Southern Plains Education Cooperative.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 27th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



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Board Minutes Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Members present: Darla Remus, Ashely Latzke, Dan Merkel, Ryan Lais, Rich Spitzner, Shannon Sykes,

Melissa Sunderman

Members absent:

Others present: Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Stephanie Ross, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Remus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ryan Lais to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Dan Merkel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lais to approve the following.

May 2023 total disbursements - \$325,097.50

Wire amount - \$281,516.25 Payment #s - 34344 - 34346; 34419 - 34439; 34479 - 34497

Check amount - \$35,636.67 Check #s - 23983 - 224002

Credit card amount - \$7,944.58 Payment #s - 34440 - 34478

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the revisions for the 2022-2023 River Bend Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Rich Spitzner to approve the initial 2023-2024 River Bend Budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ashley Latzke to approve ABDO Solutions as the Accounting Firm for the Audit for Fiscal Year 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Dan Merkel to approve the purchase of 2 new vehicles to transport students and for Itinerant staff usage from Weelborg. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Shannon Sykes to approve the consent agenda as presented above and hire Dr. Ashley Williamson, School Psychologist; approve summer contracts; accept Deann Johnson's resignation; and eliminate the Alternative Program Administrative Coordinator position. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Rich Spitzner to approve tuition for Jessica Kuehn. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Ashley Latzke to approve Doug Hazen, River Bend Education District Director, to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) and Paula Williamson, Accountant/MARSS Coordinator, to act as the IOWA to add and remove names for River Bend Education District 6049-61 for fiscal year 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve Mike Kral construction bid for a total of \$5,460. Motion carried 7-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 22nd, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.