



Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

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

Members absent:

Others present: Doug Hazen, Bradley Carlton, Stephanie Ross, Ben Westphal, Joe Ness, Abby Schmidt, and Paula Williamson

Chairperson Darla Remus called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ryan Lais to approve the FY 2024 audit report presented by Abby Schmidt.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Dan Merkel to approve the following:

October 2024 total disbursements - \$725,090.38

Wire amount - \$431,943.56

Payment #s – 36239-36241;36257-36274;636317-36339

Check amount - \$276,329.28

Check #s – 24437 - 24472

Credit card amount - \$16,817.54

Payment #s – 36278 – 36316

Motion carried 7-0.

As the LEAs identified by the State Education Agency (SEA) as meeting Mandatory CEIS/Year 3 status are required to publicly report on the revision of policies, practices, and procedures as a result of significant disproportionality.

At this time St. James is identified as under disproportionality for LD Hispanic male students. We have allocated 15% of the federal dollars to help support general education services to specifically reduce the number of students qualifying for IEP services

Some of the items funded were Educlimber, behavioral specialist, and additional psych services to name a few over last three years the ratios have improved however we have not gotten over the threshold in order not to be identified, however we are close.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lain to approve the hire of McKenzie Dyre. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ryan Lais to approve the resignation of Denise Allen. Motion opposed. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: None
Opposed: Remus, Latzke, Merkel, Lais, Spitzner, Sykes, and Sunderman.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Shannon Sykes, to accept the resignation of Denise Allen pending the hiring of properly licensed personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rich Spitzner, second by Ashley Latzke to approve overload pay for Cindy Brunner, ECSE, Holly Syverson, ECSE, and Samantha Cowger, Psychologist. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Shannon Sykes, second by Ashley Latzke to approve the .2 FTE contract with Truman School District #0458. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Melissa Sunderman, second by Dan Merkel to approve the contract with Parallel Learning Behavioral Health. Motion carried 7-0.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Paula Williamson
Accountant.