

**Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting**  
**April 22, 2019**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Construction Trailer**  
**Arise Academy-1200 N. Park St.**  
**Fairmont, MN 56031**  
**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order:**

Julie Laue, Fairmont Area Schools, Wendi Russenberger, Martin County West Schools, Chris Pyleski, Granada Huntley East Chain, Mike Pfeil, Truman Schools, Mike Schrader, United South Central, Sarah Mittelstadt, Director

**II. Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was offered by Mike Schrader, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the April 22, 2019 Board Agenda with removal of item VII, A, 2.

**III. Recognition of Visitors: John Pristash, Cole Tobin, Megan Heller, Dawn Becker, and Stephanie Schmitz**

**IV. Reports:**

- A. Director Mittelstadt gave updates on construction furniture plans, phone systems, MDE site visits, and the results of interviews regarding concerns for itinerant staff substitutes. MDE is very pleased we have been able to have long-term substitutes for staff.
- B. Administrative Coordinator-Stephanie Schmitz gave updates regarding the \$12,000 grant money received for professional development plans for setting IV programs. The focus was on the social and emotional skills and wellness of staff.
- C. Construction-John Pritash gave updates on budget and timelines, noting we are past the largest risk factors. He also reported on updates on the safe, friendly, and well managed construction site. There have been several efforts to keep costs down including comparisons for brick, negotiating with contractors, and highly supervising staff.

**V. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was offered by Mike Pfeil, seconded by Mike Schrader, and carried to approve the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, March 25, 2019.

**VI. Presentation of Bills/Finance**

Check registers for 3/28/2019, 4/11/2019, and wire transfers presented for approval.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Chris Pytleski, and carried to approve the above check registers and wire transfers.

**VII. Personnel**

**A. Hiring**

1. Marissa Naab, hired as .5 ALC Math Teacher, .5 Floating Substitute
2. ~~Kelei Russenberger, hired as .5 ALC Science Teacher, .5 Floating Substitute~~

A motion was offered by Mike Schrader, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the above hiring.

**B. Lane Changes**

1. Sara Kirsch, BA+10 to BA +20

A motion was offered by Mike Schrader, seconded by Mike Pfeil, and carried to approve the above lane change.

**VIII. Action Items**

**A. Approve Arise Academy Calendars for 2019-2020  
(Pending Construction Completion)**

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Mike Schrader, and carried to approve the above calendars.

**B. Pediatric Therapy Agreement**

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mike Pfeil, and carried to approve the above agreement.

**C. Extend Instructional Staff Sharing Agreement with Blue Earth Area School District for Speech Services**

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the above agreement.

**IX. Other**  
None

**X. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was offered by Chris Pytleski, seconded by Mike Schrader, and carried to approve/disapprove adjourning the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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