

Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017
5:00 PM
201 E 3rd St.
Fairmont, MN 56031
MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Board members present were: Julie Laue, Fairmont Area Schools, Wendi Russenberger, Martin County West Schools, Bryan Nowicki, Granada Huntley East Chain Schools, Mike Pfeil, Truman Schools, Jesse Haugh, Blue Earth Area Schools, Mike Schrader, United South Central Schools, Sarah Mittelstadt, Director.

II. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was offered by Wendi Russenberger, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the September 25, 2017 Board Agenda.

III. Recognition of Visitors: Mandy Fletcher, Barb Sandersfeld

IV. Guest Presenters: Barb Sandersfeld spoke about Early Childhood Special Education and inclusion

V. Director's Report: Director Mittelstadt shared that the current issues are hiring paras, almost approved for the food service audit, and preparing for fiscal monitoring. Continuing to have discussions on facilities but nothing public to report at this time.

VI. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

A motion was offered by Mike Schraeder, seconded by Jesse Haugh, and carried to approve the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2017.

VII. Presentation of Bills/Finance

Check registers for 9/14/2017 and wire transfers presented for approval.

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

VIII. Personnel

A. Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

1. Cristina Gonzalez, Paraprofessional at FES, effective 9/29/2017

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Bryan Nowicki, and carried to approve the above resignations.

B. Hiring

1. Ana Lisa Ramon, Paraprofessional at FHS, effective 9/5/2017
2. Karen Flores, Paraprofessional at FHS, effective 9/5/2017
3. Lynn Fetters, Paraprofessional at FHS, effective 9/18/2017

A motion was offered by Wendi Russenberger, seconded by Jesse Haugh, and carried to approve the above hiring.

C. Employee Work Agreement

1. Kate Hawkins, IFSP Facilitator, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Mike Schraeder and carried to approve the above work agreements.

IX. Old Business

A. Second Reading of Policies

1. **616- School District System Accountability**
2. **103-Complaints**
3. **506-SPEC Student Discipline**

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Jesse Haugh, and carried to approve the above Policies.

X. New Business

A. Amend Setting IV paraprofessional substitute pay to \$14 per hour for 2017-2018 school year

A motion was offered by Mike Schraeder, seconded by Julie Laue, and carried to approve the above rate for paraprofessional substitutes.

B. First Reading of Policies

1. **550-Service Animals**

C. Revised Policies

1. **721- Uniform Grant Guidance**

A motion was offered by Jesse Haugh, seconded by Bryan Nowicki, and carried to approve the above revised policy.

X. Other

Bryan Nowicki recommended a board committee to be developed for facilities. Bryan Nowicki, Jesse Haugh, and Wendi Russenberger volunteered to be on the facilities committee.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm

XII. Adjournment

A motion was offered by Bryan Nowicki, seconded by Wendi Russenberger, and carried to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:46 p.m.