



MEEKER AND WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Board Meeting - Joint Powers Board #0938

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes - Official

Present: Cindy Miller, Amy Johnson, Gena Jacobson, Jessica Johnson, Colleen Carlson

Others Present: Melissa Hanson, Heidi Hennen, Emily Schneider

Absent: Kelsey Puncochar, Julie Rae Pennertz

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Cindy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Colleen Carlson and seconded by Gena Jacobson. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda which included:

- Minutes of Previous Board Meeting
- Bills for Payment and other financial reports as attached
- Personnel Items as follows:

Resignation of the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bailey Boehland	Paraprofessional	April 28, 2023
Eric Meyers	Paraprofessional	June 7, 2023

Employment of the following staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rebecca Atkinson	Village Ranch Alt. Program Program Administrator	August 1, 2023
Brandon Loewel	Village Ranch Alt. Program Summer School Teacher	June 6 - June 28, 2023
Jolie Holland	School Nurse	August 21, 2023



Contract Changes for the following Staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lea Dobbs	From Special Education Teacher to ECSE and Due Process Coordinator	July 1, 2023
Ryan Ebeling	From Floating Special Education Teacher to Cornerstones Special Education Teacher	August 28, 2023
Kelly Klima	From Classroom Systems Consultant to Special Education Supervisor, HLWW District	August 1, 2023

V. Acknowledgements

The board acknowledged the following staff for their contributions and continuous years of service to MAWSECO:

20 years:

Gail Bergstrom, Paraprofessional, Village Ranch Alternative Program
Krista Looft, ECSE Teacher

5 years:

Matthew Barron, Lead Teacher, Ed Center Programs
Julie Fanfulik, School Psychologist
Gervase Kappel, Custodian
Caitlin Snow, Speech/Language Pathologist

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

General Updates

MN Legislative Updates: The House and Senate passed the final K-12 budget agreement. The House and Senate also passed the Omnibus Jobs, Economic Development, Labor, and Industry appropriations bill that included the changes to terms and conditions and inherent managerial rights. These bills are now waiting to be signed by the Governor. We await more information regarding all of the final budget and policy bills that are still waiting for the Legislature to finalize.

MAWSECO Staffing

MAWSECO has interested candidates for most open positions for next year.



Program & Other Updates

Wings Space: Several meetings have taken place with the Wings Adolescent Treatment Program administration and MAWSECO administration to explore options for additional educational programming space and schedules for the 2023-2024 school year. An agreement has been made to utilize space and scheduling changes to ensure that the classroom isn't overcrowded and that students will receive the educational programming and mental and physical health services they need.

Village Ranch Alternative Program:

Village Ranch Inc. has submitted plans to the State to add educational space on the Cokato VRAP school. The new space, if approved by the State of MN, will allow for approximately 3100 additional square footage in the school building.

District Special Education Updates

MDE Due Process Complaint: A formal due process complaint was received on May 17th and a complaint response to the MDE and the parent on behalf of the member district is currently being prepared.

- B. Business Manager Report
- C. Cornerstones and Eastern Wright Reports
- D. Journeys, STEP, Trek, Wings Reports
- E. Sholund and Village Ranch Alternative Program Reports

VII. Action Items

A. New Business

1. A motion to approve the addition of a 0.5 FTE Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Position beginning July 1, 2023 and discontinue the SLP contracted services upon the expiration of the contract at the end of the 2022-2023 school year was made by Gena Jacobson and seconded by Colleen Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Heidi Hennen, Director of Business Services, brought the Fiscal Year (FY) 24 Preliminary Budget to the board for a first reading.
3. A motion to approve the 2023 Summer Services listing and authorize any additional Part C evaluations and services that would be required in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was made by Gena Jacobson and seconded by Jessica Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.



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4. A motion to change the June 27th, 2023 board meeting date to June 20th, 2023 at 6:30 pm was made by Jessica Johnson and seconded by Colleen Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Future Board Meetings

- A. June 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake
- B. July 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake
- C. July 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Negotiations Committee Meeting, MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake
- D. August 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m., MAWSECO Ed Center, Howard Lake

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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