

**ST. CROIX RIVER  
EDUCATION DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
MEETING 5:30 PM TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2018**

The Governing Board of the St. Croix River Education District met on September 18th, 2018. In attendance were Board members Dani Strenke, Chisago Lakes; Julie Domogalla, East Central; Sarah Grovender, North Branch; Wendy Leibel, Pine City and Scott Tryon, Rush City. Absent: Mary Ellen Von Rueden, Hinckley/Finlayson. Others present: Jamie Nord, Executive Director and Suzanne Hischer, Business Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Chairman Tryon.

Motion by S. Grovender to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by W. Leibel. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda: The consent agenda is used for those items on the agenda that usually do not require discussion or explanation as to the reason for board action. At the request of any Governing Board member, an item shall be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda for discussion. Motion by S. Grovender to approve the consent agenda and seconded by D. Strenke. Carried unanimously.

- Minutes

- Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Minutes of the July 10th, 2018 meeting are enclosed for your approval.

- Obligations

- Bills Report: Bills to date for the months of July and August 2018.

- Policies

- Approval of updates to SCRED Office Procedures (Administrative Procedure #5)

- Personnel

- Employment of Ryanne Bostrom, Social Behavior Services Coordinator replacing Rebecca Aadalen as of August 1st, 2018

- FMLA request from Caitlin Aronson, Physical Therapist ending on October 29th, 2018.

- Contract for Services for Nic van Oss for work on Multi-Tiered System of Supports

- Manual

- Professional Learning

- Out of district meetings/trainings for SCRED staff July-August and September 2018.

- District staff participating in SCRED staff development activities

- Communications

- Legislative Forum Planning: Nord shared the following details regarding the upcoming legislative forum.

- Date: October 9th 5-8pm

- Location: Spare Room, Chuckers Bowl in Rush City

- Program:

- Brad Lundell has been confirmed

- Nord will work with Lundell to customize questions and target specific candidates

- Legislative Forum Awards:

- Ambassador in Education and Advocate for Education (a new Board Member Award)

- In addition to inviting all local candidates for MN house/senate, we will invite all candidates for Governor and big state offices

- Reports SCRED Annual Report 2017-18 - Nord shared highlights from the SCRED Annual Report.

Motion by J. Domogalla to approve the Annual Report as presented and seconded by S. Grovender.

Carried unanimously.

Action Items

Annual Review of SCRED Agreement and By-Laws: Nord indicated that the Superintendents' Operating Committee had approved the SCRED Agreement and By-Laws without any revisions for the 2018-19 school year. Motion by D. Strenke to approve the SCRED Agreement and By-Laws as presented and seconded by W. Leibel. Carried unanimously.

Annual Review of SCRED Administrative Procedure #17: Nord reviewed the six special education team decisions that SCRED is to be involved in per this administrative procedure. Motion by J. Domogalla to approve Administrative Procedure #17 as presented and seconded by S. Grovender. Carried unanimously.

Teachers Agreement 2018-19: Nord provided an update on the process for approving the new SCRED Teachers Agreement and reviewed the minor changes made to the SCRED Teachers Agreement from Year 2 of the Rush City Teacher Teachers Agreement. Motion by W. Leibel to approve the Teachers Agreement 2018-19 as presented and seconded by D. Strenke. Carried unanimously.

Director's Report

Transition to SCRED as Employer and Own Fiscal Host: Hischer and Nord indicated that the transition has continued to go smoothly.

SCRED Programs Update: Nord reminded the Governing Board of the rationale behind change to SCRED Programs (see below) and shared that the Superintendents Operating Committee and Business Managers are working out the details of budgets and billing.

- With the change in the special education funding formula, regular school districts are at a disadvantage because of the 'capped' formula. Any additional services required by "center-based" programs will not receive reimbursement as in past years (prior to 2016).

- SCRED is not subject to the 'capped' and will receive calculated state special education aid based on prior year expenditures. Any additional expenditures will receive reimbursement the following year.

- Individual districts can't afford to operate "center-based" programs, especially with the costs of services continually increasing and those costs exceeding the revenue accrued.

- There are some other benefits beyond the SPED funding cap including the 10% hold-back for open enrollment (example at bottom of document), district tuition billing rates, ability to charge non-SCRED districts an access fee, etc.

North Star Accountability System: Nord reported that she and the other special education administrators would be learning about the new North Star Accountability System alongside buildings identified as needing support with their special education population in the coming weeks.

August Professional Learning Recap: Nord provided a recap of the major professional learning opportunities that were provided to member district staff in August and extended a thank you to Pine City Schools for hosting the large trainings this summer.

Back to School SCRED Presence: Nord shared that her and the other SCRED administrators were out and about in the member districts during back to school events to be visible and continue to promote a positive image of SCRED to kick off the school year.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the SCRED training center.

There being no further business, motion by S. Grovender to adjourn and seconded by W. Leibel.

Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Domogalla,  
Governing Board Clerk

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