

RUM RIVER SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2024

The Regular Governing Board meeting of the Rum River Special Education Cooperative was called to order at 4:31 p.m. virtually via Google Meet.

Joint Powers Board members present were: Mike Thompson, Kate VanBuskirk, Nathan Koenings, and Melissa Lynch. Also in attendance were Ex Officio Superintendents: Ken Gagner, Dean Kapsner, David Wedin, Dan Voce, and Tanya Tacker, Executive Director of Special Education. Absent were: Deb Hallin, Nathan Neuhart, Kevin Ricke, and Ben Barton. Other in attendance: Tracy Wells, Director of Finance and Human Resources.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Nathan Koenings, seconded by Melissa Lynch. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mike Thompson, Kate VanBuskirk, Nathan Koenings, and Melissa Lynch. Action: Carried.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda. Moved by Kate VanBuskirk, seconded by Melissa Lynch to approve the consent agenda. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kate VanBuskirk, Nathan Koenings, Melissa Lynch, and Mike Thompson. Action carried.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- June 26, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- September 12, 2024 Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Payment Register
- Rum River Special Education Program Student Enrollment
- RRSEC Personnel
 - o Tony Block, Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Hired, 8/26/2024
 - o Amanda Lamecker, School Nurse, All, Hired, 8/26/2024
 - o Mackenzie Irwin, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, RRC Hired, 8.23.2024
 - o Katie Joy, Physical/Health Disabilities Teacher, RRC, Hired, 8.23.2024
 - o Meagan Pingel, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, RRC, Hired, 8.23.2024
 - o Jenna Dahlen, Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Brittany Mehle, Special Education Teacher, RRS, Hired, 8.23.2024
 - o Carina Winkle, Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Alexa Johnson, LTS Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Joshua Colestock, Academic Behavior Manager, RRS, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Nicole Olson, Academic Behavior Manager, RRS, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Emily Galligan, Special Education Teacher, RRS, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Mya Audette, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Samantha Schlavin, Academic Behavior Manager, RRS, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Toni Bjostad, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Antonio Rodriguez, Academic Behavior Manager, RRS, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Michele Henderson, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Randy Wright, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Hired, 8.26.2024
 - o Krista Bayne, Social Worker - Temporary, RRS, Resignation, 5.21.2024
 - o Kimberly Hakes, Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Resignation, 5.32.2024
 - o Brittany Adolphson, Special Education Teacher, RRE, Resignation, 7.14.2024
 - o Lea Semler, Mental Health Professional, RRE, Resignation, 6.30.2024
 - o Skylar Gruszka, Academic Behavior Manager, RRN, Resignation, 7.24.2024
 - o Crystal Nickel, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Resignation, 6.3.2024
 - o Desiree Meyer, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Termination, 9.3.2024
 - o Tanya Dewey, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE to RRS, Change in Assignment, 6.3.2024
 - o Jesse LaValla, Special Education Teacher, RRE to RRS, Transfer, 7.1.2024
 - o Julia Wolf, Non-Renewal Tier 1 Special Ed. Teacher, RRS, Rehire, 9.1.2024
 - o Jessica Olson, Academic Behavior Manager to Special Ed. Teacher, RRE, Change in Assignment, 8.23.2024
 - o Marleigh Van Arsdale, DHH Teacher, 1.0 FTE to .9 FTE, RRC, Change in Assignment, 8.26.2024
 - o Roxanne Carlson, Substitute Special Ed. Teacher to ESY Special Ed. Teacher, RRS, Change in Assignment, 6.3.2024
 - o Layne Hunter, Academic Behavior Manager, RRS, Resignation, 9.26.2024
 - o Mya Audette, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Resignation, 9.30.2024
 - o Lanie Pardun, Academic Behavior Manager, RRE, Full-time to Part-time, 8.26.2024
- Contracts
 - o Natalie Hokanson - Letter of Assignment
 - o Louise Flickinger, Braille, and Tactile Graphics
 - o RRSEC - Isle DAPE Services
 - o RRSEC - SCRED: Audiologist & BVI Services
 - o RRSEC - Midstate DAPE Services
 - o Cambridge-Isanti - RRSEC School Nutrition Joint Agreement - RRE
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 - o Milaca - RRSEC School Nutrition Joint Agreement - RRN
 - o cmEREDC 24-25 Annual SMART, Citrix Hosting, UFARS Annual Agreement
 - o Grafton - Ukeru
 - o RRSEC - St. Francis P/OHD Teacher, Audiologist, BVI Teacher
 - o Puff's Lawn & Snow, LLC
 - o Bill's Quality Cleaning
 - o Central MN Custodial Services
 - o Contracted Services - Braham
 - o Contracted Services - Braham
 - o Contracted Services - Isle
 - o Contracted Services - Mora
 - o Contracted Services - Ogilvie
 - o Contracted Services - Princeton
 - o MOU Ed MN READ Act

The Board discussed the following:

- Executive Director Tanya Tacker shared that she has requested the opportunity to negotiate her 2025-2028 contract with the Executive Council.
- Executive Director of Special Education, Tanya Tacker discussed scheduling a special meeting in November.

The Board discussed and action was required on the following:

- Motion to approve the PAI Insurance renewal was made by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Kate VanBuskirk. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Nathan Koenings, Melissa Lynch, Mike Thompson, and Kate VanBuskirk. Action carried.
- Motion to adopt the Sub Pay Rate and Procedures for FY25 for the Rum River Special Education Cooperative was made by Kate VanBuskirk, seconded by Melissa Lynch. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof; Melissa Lynch, Mike Thompson, Kate VanBuskirk, and Nathan Koenings. Action carried.
- Motion to adopt the RRSEC policies for a third and final reading was made by Nathan Koenings, seconded by Melissa Lynch. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof; Melissa Lynch, Mike Thompson, Kate VanBuskirk, and Nathan Koenings. Action carried.

There being no further business to discuss, moved by Melissa Lynch, seconded by Kate VanBuskirk, to adjourn. Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Melissa Lynch, Kate VanBuskirk, Nathan Koenings, and Mike Thompson. Action: carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Minutes by Tanya Tacker

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