

WHITE RIVER VALLEY SUPERVISORY UNION  
(FULL BOARD MEETINGS)  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019 @ 6:00 PM  
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BETHEL CAMPUS  
APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: Cynthia Powers, Deb Matthews, Mary Ellen Simmons, Charlie Watson, Tara Weatherell, Ray Ballou, Sarah Root, Kathy Galluzzo, Jena Young, Don Shaw, Bruce Labs, Amy Wildt, Andrew Jones, Lisa Floyd, Stacey Peters, Rodney Rainville, Mica Tucker, and Michael Gray

1. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 6:13 with an agreement that we would not be able to address action items until a quorum was made. We achieved a quorum at 6:25.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
3. Assign Times/Time Keeper - Don will act as a timekeeper
4. Public Comment - there was none
5. Act to Approve Minutes
  - 5.1 Monday, October 28, 2019 (Executive Board Special) - Jena Young made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathy Galluzzo and they were unanimously approved.
6. Reports:
  - 6.1 Superintendent
    - 6.1.1 Superintendent Goals Update - Bruce shared a slideshow that linked his goals to the Strategic Plan and reported progress on each one. Sarah Root requested that the financial aspect of the goals be addressed. Bruce shared that we now have budget numbers we can count on and that the people who were responsible for many of the errors etc, have moved on and they are in the process of hiring people to fill gaps at the SU. Tara shared that the Special Education reimbursement from the state was months late, and when the report came in they seemed incorrect, so Jane and Tara are working together to challenge those numbers, and get accurate numbers, and therefore reimbursement, from the State. Bruce agreed that he will call Jeff Francis tomorrow and see if the Superintendent's organization can draft a letter concerning this asking for greater accuracy and greater adherence to timelines which impact boards' abilities to communicate with their constituents and provide them with accurate information.
  - 6.2 Business Manager
    - 6.2.1 SU Budget - Tara shared the first draft she has created thus far for the SU. We discussed which items are grant funded etc.
  - 6.3 Director of Special Services - Deb Matthews presented her budget and shared how she has looked at our actual spending versus what has been projected in the past. Also, they are looking at how we can adjust capacity in our district because the out of district placements that we have relied on are full. Special Education transportation is another

high cost that we cannot legally avoid.

#### 6.3.1 Direct Instruction in Literacy Training

#### 6.4 Technology Director - Computer Science Education Week is the week of December 9.

There is a grant funded program that has put robots in Rochester and One Planet for after school and will visit all schools. There is a tech integrationist who presented recently at the state level about the robots and their use. Ray mentioned that in the SU goals related to assessment and he shared that OTUS is now functioning properly so that teachers can input assessment data and OTUS helps us to create reports for teachers so that the data is actionable in all schools. Ray also noted that we met a November 10 deadline for student reports - he has noticed some inconsistencies and called Brad James. He is waiting to hear back from him and hopefully insure that the numbers are accurate.

#### 6.5 Grant Coordinator - Cynthia Powers shared information about the more \$1,088,831.00 in grant money that we have been awarded. She has reapplied for all of these grants and more moving forward.

#### 6.6 Director of Curriculum, Instruc. and Assmt - Mary Ellen updated us on F&P assessments and coaching efforts occurring across the district. Proficiency work is in full swing and is continuing in multiple ways.

### 7. Discussion Items

#### 7.1 Merger Support Grant Money Status - there is \$82,000.00 remaining. We agreed to table this conversation and make it a regular part of the agenda, so that we can receive updates and bills received from work in order to accommodate the to the merger can be paid. Once these are paid then we will be able to determine, as a board what to do with the remaining funds.

#### 7.2 Career Change Assistance (Dec 1st) - we discussed the need to bring this up with each of our boards at our December meetings. The union is aware that we will be taking this up at the December meeting of each board. Sarah Root made a motion for the SU to fund the career change assistance program for the Supervisory Union Professional Staff. It was seconded by Kathy Galluzzo. It was unanimously opposed given our current financial circumstances.

### 8. Policy Review (4 policies) - We requested that the drafts brought to us next time will say White River Valley Supervisory Union (right now they mention specific schools or no schools at all). In the Public Complaints About Personnel policy - in the second line we would like to see more balance related to legitimate concerns being addressed.

Amy Wildt made a motion to accept policy C35 the head lice policy it was seconded by Mica Tucker and unanimously approved.

### 9. Action Items

#### 10. Other - there was a motion made to go into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:12 - we exited Executive Session at 9:19 with no action taken.

### 11. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

#### 11.1 Monday, December 16, 2019 ( Executive Board) - 6:00 PM @ Central Office

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Adjourn - 9:20