

Gallatin-Madison Special Education Cooperative
Special Council Meeting
12/9/2024

The Special council meeting of the Gallatin-Madison Special Education Cooperative was held via Google Meet on December 9, 2024 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Council. Chair, Kristi Jacobs, presided over the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Kristi Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Members Present

- ☐ **Amsterdam**– Marisa Stewart;
- ☒ **Anderson**– Kristi Jacobs;
- ☐ **Big Sky**–Dustin Shipman;
- ☒ **Ennis**– Jared Moretti;
- ☒ **Gallatin Co. Supt.**– John Nielson;
- ☐ **Gateway**–Kelly Henderson;
- ☐ **Harrison**–Stephanie Stephans, Designated Harrison Board Representative
- ☒ **LaMotte**– Spencer Johnson;
- ☐ **Monforton**– Laura Axtman;
- ☒ **West Yellowstone**– Kevin Flannigan;
- ☒ **Willow Creek**– Bonnie Lower

Visitors: None

2. Public Comments None

Staff Present Lani Smith, Director; Joyce Schmidt, Clerk & Business Manager; Riley Russell, Executive Assistant

Staff Absent Kim Wegner-Mccauley, School Psychologist/Special Education Coordinator

3. New Business:

a.) Consideration of School Psychologist Hire

If approved Juliana Robinson would be hired at a .2 FTE (1 day per week) for the remainder of the school year. She would be a MA60/Level O on the pay matrix \$10,190 (Salary) +\$300 (National Certification Stipend) for a total of \$10,490.00.

Budgeted amount unfilled .2FTE school psychologist position was \$11,778.

(Motion/Discussion/Action)

Motion to hire Juliana Robinson for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

Motion: Spencer Johnson

Second: Bonnie Lower

-Passed Unanimously.

b.) **2024-2025 SLP Contract Amendments**

Alyssa Mount will be moving to Australia in February of 2024. Contract Amendment to change the end date of her contract to 1/31/2025. As of January 1st she will have been paid \$21,216.25 of her original contract amount of \$50,919. She will be owed an additional \$7450.55 plus the payout of her remaining discretionary leave days. Lani is recommending Alyssa's contract to extend through January 31, 2025 in order to assist in the transition of SLP services across member school districts.

Aubrey McAtee current contract is for .2FTE (1 day per week). Contract Amendment to increase to .6FTE (3 days per week) beginning January 1st through the remainder of the school year. This would increase her contract salary from Grand Total of \$9,382 (\$8,982-salary+400-national certification stipend) to \$21,891 (\$100 increase to national certification stipend). Aubrey would also be eligible for insurance \$662/month.

With all of the changes to SLPs (Aubrey, Alyssa and Corrie) the difference between budgeted and actual expenditures would be \$10,585.

(Motion/Discussion/Action)

Motion to amend SLP contracts for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

Motion: John Nielson

Second: Jared Moretti

-Passed Unanimously.

4. Board Meeting Schedule: Projected 2024-2025 Third Thursday of the Month (Zoom/In-Person)

***no less than 5 meetings per year**

a. **January 16th In Person- Anderson School will host and provide lunch 11-12:30.**

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Motion: Spencer Johnson

Second: Jared Moretti

-Passed Unanimously.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Board Chair: _____ Date: _____