

**REGULAR V.I.T.BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the V.I.T. Community Unit School District #2 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bob Lascelles in the High School Library.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call was answered by: Bob Coulter, Nathan Essex, Ryan Heitz, Bob Lascelles, Blake Miller, and Larry Payne. Amanda Rector was absent.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE** Others present were: Superintendent Matt Klaska, Principal Mark Darr, Travis Snowden, Melissa Gorsuch, Emily Fawcett, Jeralee Bedwell, Becky Cannon, Sue Bricker, Josh Grant, and Amy Hampton.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

15. Consider the approval of Stephanie Nicks moving from a paraprofessional to a teacher for the 24/25 school year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bob Coulter and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the consent agenda items which consisted of previous meeting minutes, financial reports, bills and payroll, and activity fund reports. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you from the American Heart Association was shared. The Heart Association put one of Mr. Wilson's PE Class pictures on their website.

Josh Miller would like to thank the Board for having the Athletic PE Program.

**TEACHER**

Joshua Grant was present to talk about the Band Classes he teaches.

**INPUT/  
CURRICULUM  
CORNER**

There are currently 16 students in the High School Band, with a total of 24 student including the Jr High. This year Mr. Grant has been going to Astoria in the mornings to teach a Band Lessons. On March 27<sup>th</sup> will be a Career Day. Mr. Grant has been looking at schedules for next year. The schedules should be ready for next year's students by the end of this school year.

Mrs. Sue Bricker, Kindergarten Teacher was present to talk about her Kdg class. The students are working on reading and writing. In math they have finished up with addition and are beginning on subtraction. Mrs. Bricker thinks that small schools are a great place to work.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS****KENDALL KING**

Kendall King from King Financial Consulting Inc., was present to talk about the school's finances. Mr. King shared a handout on the finances.

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS****IHSA RENEWAL**

Discussion was held on the IHSA renewal. Every year the IHSA renewal comes due, this is to compete in the State Series. For the 24/25 school year there is no fee for the renewal.

**COMPEER  
GRANT**

Discussion was held on the Compeer Grant. The grant was applied for and approved.

**VAPING  
SENSORS**

Discussion was held on vaping sensors. Samples of the sensors have been sent to the school to install. The sensors are extremely accurate, and a text and or email will follow when the sensor goes off.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****HIGH SCHOOL**

The March Senior of the Month is Sollie Prater. IAR Testing will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. The SAT and the PSAT will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ELEMENTARY**

Parent/ Teacher conferences were today, for both buildings. Elementary IAR Testing will also be starting in April. The Masonic Lodge is sponsoring a reading event. Each student that reads a book,

will be able to put their name in a drawing for a winner of a new bike. Friday Night Prime Time is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Academic Fair, is on April 25<sup>th</sup>, will be about the National Parks.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS/  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**APPROVE  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

**HIRING                    of  
TEACHER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF  
POLICIES**

**HEAD COOK**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to enter executive session at 7:25 p.m. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Ryan Heitz to approve the executive session minutes. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Bob Coulter to move out of executive session at 7:55p.m. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the hiring of Kelsie Baxter, for Elementary Teacher for the 24/25 School year. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Bob Coulter to approve the second reading of policies 2:80E, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E6, 4:130-E, & 7:270. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Bob Coulter and seconded by Larry Payne to approve the head cook using 2.5 dock days, 4/29/24 to 5/3/24. Roll Call:  
Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and

Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**IHSA  
MEMBERSHIP**

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the renewing the IHSA Membership for 24/25 school term. Motion passed with an all-Aye vote.

**UNLAND  
INSURANCE**

A motion was made to approve renewing Umbrella, Cyber, & Auto Insurance with Unland Insurance. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**RESIGNATION of  
JR/SR HIGH  
COUNSLER**

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the resignation, pending reimbursement of contract, of Jr/ Sr High Counselor. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**JH/HS  
DRAINAGE/ ADA  
SIDEWAY  
PROJECT**

A motion was made by Bob Coulter and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve open bidding for the JH/SH drainage/ ADA sidewalk project. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**SHOP/SHED  
PROJECT**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve open bidding for the shop/ shed project. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**HIRING  
TEACHER**

A motion was made by Bob Coulter and seconded by Larry Payne to approve the moving of Stephanie Nick from Paraprofessional to Teacher for the 24/25 School year. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Bob Coulter at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried with an all Aye vote.

Bob Coulter  
Board Secretary

Bob Lascelles  
Board President

Amy Hampton  
Recording Secretary  
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