

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 13, 2023

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm

Members present: Caudill, Davis, Herman, Koutz, Spry-Virgo, Van Sickler

Members absent: Zinn

Administrators present: Hubbard, Curtis, Hillary, Staines

Administrators absent: Fron

Visitors present: Katie Bissell, Valorie Palmer Frank Sebastian, John Prescott

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Caudill, support Herman to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Superintendent Report

Questions of Department Reports- Koutz asked about kitchen excess funds to be spent down. Hubbard stated Laura is getting quotes, flooring/preventative maintenance quotes/double checking air conditioning in that area.

Committee Reports- The Governance committee met today. Davis reports SPED complaint that was filed. Last week Friday mediation met with the team and family to come to a resolution.

Hubbard reported that we have certified staff in all areas at this point and time. At the Wyoming center the district has hired three new certified staff members, making us closer to our goal student to teacher ratio. Last month Hubbard announced that we are a CSI school. Graduation for the alt ed program, the state is coming down on the school for the graduation rates. The team is looking at the state graduation requirements. Looking at the personal curriculum option to tailor programs for individual students.

Board member pay ranges were discussed from nothing to 1000.00 in one school. Curriculum Director might need to be added for the district to support the CSI work and the data.

Staffing Update- In the board packet you will see resignations that were accepted. Darlene Hoover is retiring from her position in the kitchen.

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Legislative Update- Whitmere's budget proposal is pretty positive for schools, except for cyber schools. They will receive 80% funding rather than 100%. Good news is this would not impact our 50D schools, but would affect our charter school. They have not defined what 100% virtual is. We are blended so unsure how this will affect us. We will need to wait and see.

Shoutouts - Recognition

Sarah Nokes and Shiree Withey have been working together since the opening of the Vestaburg Center. The enrollment at the Vestaburg Center has nearly doubled since the doors opened in the Fall of 2021. They have grown with the program and have connected with students that have entered and exited the program. Both of these ladies have learned the systems and processes that come with the Alternative Education Program and consistently show up everyday to put in the time, effort and work it takes to make a center successful. Positive interactions are shown to our students daily by both Sara and Shiree!

Ty Warczinsky enrolled 49 new students this year. These students are all new to the district. Much of this contributes to Ty's passion and vision to connect with those that have not been enrolled in any school district for an extended period of time. Ty connects personally with each student, building relationships with each student every day. Ty is also running an anti-vaping program here at VCS.

Michelle Beals ability to work at a very fast paced work environment has been immeasurable since the beginning of the school year. After graduating over 80 students last spring at the Wyoming Center, Beals has enrolled 145+ new students into the program. Michelle has learned the system and process for enrolling new students and this is no easy task as it takes an extreme amount of time and attention to detail. Thank you Michelle for all of your hard work to get us through not only Fall count, but also working on many details for Spring count as well. You are appreciated!

Troy Johnston is always looking out for students' best interest. When given a challenging student, he jumps right into action. His concern for student growth is evident in the various ways he works to engage his students. He is a great teacher and a role model for our students.

Anna Hoover has stretched her skills and has worked very hard to include students who have various needs. She is patient and caring with her students, and is not afraid to have those hard discussions about behavior. Anna has grown exponentially this year and her students have grown right along with her!

Laura Kimbell and kitchen staff for their patience, support and accommodation as we try a new field trip opportunity at the Forrest Hill Nature Center.

Sam Falsetta- working with the pubs class to help support athletics. She has jumped in and bailed us out, she continually has the students engaged in games and has game brochures ready on time. Students are at each home game taking pictures and or selling items for the class that match the theme for the game that

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night. Sam is even updating the posters in the gym lobby through her class.
Thank you for all you do!

Valorie Palmer- Mrs. Palmer is absolutely the best for student accounting and helping us keep track of our students. Mrs. Palmer is always kind and helpful and that helps us keep accurate records which is so important as we prepare students for graduation. Furthermore Mrs. Palmer is very detailed for us. She helps us make certain that graduation requirements are fully completed for the Vestaburg School District to issue Michigan Certified Diplomas. We warmly thank Mrs. Palmer for all her help. We are blessed to have her as a colleague and friend.
Middle school staff- Deserve a big shoutout for their hard work to have their rooms ready to be painted over Christmas break. Once again our staff rose to the occasion during a busy time of year, and somehow managed to finish exams, wrap up the semester, and leave their classrooms ready to be painted. Additionally, an even bigger shoutout to Amber Stratton who moved classrooms over break.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting held January 9, 2023
- Treasurer's Report- February
- B. \$ 431,458.06 Bills to be Allowed, Checks#10122-10271
- C. Hire
 - 1. Karen Pawlak - Wyoming 50D Teacher
 - 2. Margo Berta - Wyoming 50D Teacher
 - 3. Linda Rakow-Schenkoske - Wyoming 50D Teacher

Motion by Koutz, support by Spry-Virgo to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED

New Business

February 98b Benchmark/AER Report - Staines and Hillary

Overall the test scores have gone up, we still have work to do. No one decreased from fall to winter. Unfortunately we didn't see enough growth, we still have work to do, especially reading. In math most grades are at least ½ years growth.

However the students are not at grade level. Our hope is to continue to grow.

While we look at vetting a new reading curriculum. Several grade levels started the year behind, so it will take time to get them caught up. High school students scored really well on both of the NWEA reading and math. End of the year data is needed, they would be interested in seeing the summer loss. Student behaviors are playing into the challenge academically.

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National Honor Society Trip - Bissell presented as the NHS advisor. They are proposing to reestablish their overnight trips. Bissell wanted to go to NY but not enough people could go so Bissell would like to take the group to Chicago. Amtrak out of Lansing to Williams station. They would mostly walk rather than use public transportation. They would like to see several museums, sites such as Michigan Ave., Navy Pier. China Town etc. Bissell would like to get tickets for the Amtrak and hotel. Hubbard stated that Bissell has taken several trips, so no worries from administration on this trip.

Motion by Koutz, support by Davis to approve the National Honor Society Trip.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Alternative Education Graduation Credits - We are looking to move the Alt. Education credits to Michigan merit credits from 22 credits. This is supported by the ISD. Personal curriculums are a way of supporting the alt ed students as well as partial credits. Don't make the kids start over. There is a process for students to transfer to alternative education if the situation arises.

Question: would this take effect for already enrolled students or new students. This could be looked at both ways. Hubbard thought this applies to all students enrolled in the program.

Motion by Koutz support by Davis to approve the Alternative Education Graduation Credits.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Success VLC Update - John Prescott Powerpoint

Prescott thanked the board for opening the new Flint center.

Enrollment has gone up since the move. The new location has much more staff.

The chamber is pleased that they are there and supporting their students.

Enrollment is up to 1969 (spring count) , NWEA testing is up with students, Monroe and Taylor have 100% completed NWEA testing. Eleven centers all in high poverty centers. They have been identified as a CSI school. The program has grown significantly over the past few years. NWEA students have shown growth. All students pretest and post test. This year's pretest for both reading and math is in the 90%. CSI is because graduation is not at 65%, which the state is asking for. The state is also asking for stated testing scores to go up. Students come to the program behind their cohorts. This program is still taking students that are in cohort years 7-9 even though we no longer get funding.. If we get them young we can work with them in the system. Prescott is not afraid of being on a list (CSI) additional funding, plus the state can see the work that is being done by this program.

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Not lacking in data, the program has good data to support the work for each student in the program.

Other Business: None

Items for Discussion: None

Works in Progress: Hubbard reported progress on the door locks, construction, floors, painting, ac and bathrooms

Recognition of Guests: John spoke about what an excellent Board we have.

Items for next Board Meeting March 13, 2023

Motion by Koutz, support by Davis to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY