

**REGULAR V.I.T.BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	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.
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Roll call was answered by: Nathan Essex, Ryan Heitz, Bob Lascelles, Blake Miller, Zachary Parker, Larry Payne, and Amanda Rector.
<b>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Others present were: Matt Klaska; Superintendent, Mark Darr; Principal, Travis Snowden, Becky Cannon, Tom Cannon, Emily Fawcett, Josh Miller, and Amy Hampton.
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR AGENDA</b>	None.
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA</b>	Thank you Bob Lascelles for the years serving on the VIT School Board.
<b>SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER</b>	Swear in the New School Board Member: Josh Miller
<b>RESEAT the SCHOOL BOARD</b>	All members were nominated and approved with an all aye vote. President: Larry Payne Vice President: Amanda Rector Secretary: Blake Miller
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the consent agenda items which included previous meeting minutes, financial reports, bills, payroll, and activity fund reports. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENT TEACHER INPUT/CURRICULUM CORNER**

Thank you to Wal-Mart for the grant donations.

None.

None.

None.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

### **SCHEDULED VISITORS**

## **INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSIONS/ OR PENDING ITEMS**

Discussion was held on the Board Duties for Graduation/Promotion. Nathan Essex and Josh Miller will hand out the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Certificates. Larry Payne and Nathan Essex will hand out the High School Diplomas.

### **GRADUATION /PROMOTION DUTIES**

Discussion was held on the District 25/26 RTO & Consolidation Plan

### **25/26 RTO & CONSOLIDATION PLAN**

(Grant). The District has the restrictive holding plan and timeout plan implemented in the handbook. The teachers and staff take the annual CPI refresher class every year.

### **OPEN HOUSE of VOCATIONAL BUILDING**

Discussion was held on the Open House of the Vocational building. The Open House drew in a nice crowd of people, there were people from other school districts that attended as well. A lot of compliments were given.

### **WAIVERING PULASKI DAY**

Discussion was held on the waiving of Pulaski Day for the following school year. There will need to be a public hearing for this waiver. A staff poll was handed out with 60% saying yes and only 40% saying no.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **HS PRINCIPAL MR. DARR**

Jerrell Hawkins is April Student of the Month. The IRA tests for the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade went well, the students were hard workers. The Pre ACT and the ACT for Freshman to Juniors was the following week of school. The Il Science Assessment will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, it is only 3 tests, one per day. Today was Career Day, Mr. Grant did a good job getting this event set up.

**ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Klaska reported that IAR testing is completed. The Illinois Science Assessment will begin soon. Thank you to the entire staff on the Academic Fair. Thank you Mrs. Cannon for her work in getting this event ready. In all, over 200 people enjoyed seeing the students' art work and science experiments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Blake Miller to enter executive session 7:15 p.m. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded Blake Miller to enter open session at 8:27pm. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**HIGH SCHOOL  
SPONSOR**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve Stephanie Nicks as HS Cheerleading Sponsor pending Astoria approval. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**AMENDING the  
24/25 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to approve amending the 24/25 budget. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**HIRING  
PARAPROFESSION  
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A motion was made by Ryan Heitz and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the hiring of Miranda Kolves as a paraprofessional. Roll Call:  
N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**HIRING  
ELEMENTARY  
TEACHER**

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve the hiring of Madison Stewart as an Elementary Teacher beginning the 2025/2026 School Year. Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**HIRING  
ELEMENTARY  
TEACHER**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to approve the hiring of Griffen Skees in January 2026 as an Elementary Teacher. Roll call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**25/26 RTO PLAN**

A motion was made by Ryan Heitz and seconded by Josh Miller to approve the district's 25/26 RTO plan. Motion passed with an all Aye vote.

**25/26  
CONSOLIDATIO  
N PLAN**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to approve the district's 25/26 Consolidation Plan. Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**PARAPROFESSIONAL  
USING DOCK  
DAYS**

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Zach Parker to approve allowing a paraprofessional to use "Dock Days". Roll Call:

N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**WAIVING  
PULSKI DAY**

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Josh Miller to approve having a public hearing on waiving Pulaski Day for the Districts Calendar on May 21, 2025 @ 6pm. Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**RISK  
MANAGEMENT  
PLAN**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Josh Miller to approve adding Head of Security to the Risk Management Plan. Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**JH  
VOLLEYBALL  
COACH**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Zach Parker to approve Janee Seitz for JH Volleyball Coach pending Astoria approval.

Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**RESIGNATION  
of TEACHER**

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to approve the resignation of Gracilyn Day effective the end of the 24/25 School Year. N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J.

**WATER  
SOFTENER  
QUOTE**

Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye.  
Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**GENERAL  
ACCOUNT  
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A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the approval of water softener quote from Cesco. Roll Call: N. Essex, aye; R. Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Z. Parker, aye; A. Rector aye; and L. Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to “table” moving the general account funds to the Table Grove State Bank.

**ANNOUNCEME  
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HS Graduation is May 16, 2025 at 6:30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion is May 20, 2025 at 6pm  
Amended Budget Hearing will be May 21, 2025 at 6:55pm  
Public Hearing on holiday waiver will be May 21, 2025 at 6:58pm  
Next Regular Board Meeting will be May 21, 2025 at 7pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Josh Miller to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carried with an all Aye vote.

Blake Miller  
Board Secretary

Larry Payne  
Board President

Amy Hampton  
Recording Secretary  
4/16/2025

