Iowa Valley Community School District
Minutes of Regular Meeting held 5.20.2026

Attendees:
Voting Members:
Mrs. Ellen O'Rourke
Mrs. Jillisa Chvala
Mrs. Bobbi Miller
Mr. Dan Slaymaker

Members absent: Tiffany Kriegel

Non-Voting Members:
Mrs. Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary

Others present: Mr. Curt Rheingans, Janet Behrens, Liesl Yunek, Myla Frimml, Kathryn Kilgard, Bill Kunz, Charlie Kunz, Jamie Fleming, Amy Fleming, Marcia Kilgard.

Call to Order

a. President Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Slaymaker,
Motion seconded by Chvala to approve the agenda.
Voting: Unanimously Approved. 4-0 Motion carried.

Ellen O'Rourke read the Mission Statement.

Bobbi Miller arrived to the meeting at 5:33pm.

Recognition of Visitors
Open Forum – None
Student and/or staff Recognition:
May is school board recognition month. Representatives from the Hilton Willing Workers presented a check to Iowa Valley to cover deficit meal account balances.
Representatives from the Marengo FFA chapter gave their year in review report.

Regular Business ~ Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of Prior Meetings
b. Financial Reports
c. Bills for Approval of Payment
d. Changes in Staffing:
    a. New Contracts: Emma Midcalf as K-12 Music teacher; Eli Slaymaker as JH Baseball coach; Michelle Grant, teacher mentor; Morgan Dibert, teacher mentor; Brook Ness, teacher mentor; Casey Krull, teacher mentor
    b. Resignations: Shawn Huedepohl – JH Boys Track coach; Levi Cowan – K-12 Music

c. Retirement – Krystal Schaier – Superintendent's Secretary

A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Slaymaker to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

The board discussed holding a FY26 Budget amendment hearing on May 26th at noon.

Principal Yunek discussed proposed daycare and preschool rates. The rates a very comparable to area towns. Administration informed the board that the rates will be acted on in June.

The board discussed hiring an additional kindergarten teacher for the FY27 school year. Administration discussed enrollment number for the kindergarten class. The board also discussed increased enrollment in the district 3 and 4 year preschool class. Superintendent Rheingans recommended the board hire an additional kindergarten teacher for the FY27 school year, with the recommendation that the district look at the enrollment numbers each year to decide if the need continues. Administration informed the board that they plan to look at this annually. A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by O'Rourke to approve the addition of one more Kindergarten position for the FY27 school year. Motion carried.

The board received a bid from Liberty Doors for additional doors at the elementary and high school buildings for $136,160. A motion was made by O'Rourke, seconded by Chvala to approve the bid from Liberty Doors for $136,160. Roll call vote. Chvala aye, Miller aye, O'Rourke aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chvala, O'Rourke, to approve the updated board policy changes, as presented in April for the first reading. Motion carried.

Administration informed the board that the district was recently approved for offering an online schooling option. Administration informed the board that the goal would be to keep our Iowa Valley students enrolled at Iowa Valley and not open enrollment to another school district for the online school option. Administration discussed putting this on the May 26th agenda for possible approval.

The board also discussed potentially offering bowling as a sport. Administration informed the board that students have inquired about bowling and have shown interest. The board discussed gathering interest from the students to see if this is an option to start. Administration discussed they would come back to the June meeting with costs and schedules.

The board received the technology purchase for the FY27 school year. A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Chvala to approve the technology purchase in the amount of $118,251.49. Roll call vote. Chvala aye, Slaymaker aye, O'Rourke aye, Miller aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rheingans discussed summer projects and the authorized budget legislation. Administration also informed the board that they are fully staffed for next year.

ITEMS for June agenda: Bowling, childcare costs, vape detectors, chromebooks and screentime.

The entered Exempt Session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.9 for the purpose of conducting a strategy session for those employees not covered under Chapter 20 @ 6:50pm.

The board returned to open session at 7:12pm.

A motion was made by Slaymaker, seconded by Chvala to adjourn at 7:12pm. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.