

Proposed minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 14, 2024

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Wolverines Den.

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

Members absent: Caudill, Zinn

Administrators present: Hubbard, Hillary, Staines, Warczinsky

Administrators absent: Falcon

Visitors present: Frank Sebastian, Katie Bissell, Laura Neelis, Dianne Wilson

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Superintendent Report

Questions on Department Reports: None

Committee Reports: The Governance Committee met today. They discussed Mrs. Herman covering the Art position for the time being. The Boot Company is coming Wednesday to do their yearly inspection of the Boot System.

Staffing Update: Hubbard reported that we are hiring two new paraprofessionals for the personal health care needs of two new students. We have enrolled 30 new Special Education students this year.

Legislative Update: Hubbard talked about the change in law for the MPSERS fund. This will save the school district some money.

Shoutouts

Janine Durr- Janine Durr, is always ready to lend a helping hand. Always cheerful and ready to take on any challenge and meet it with a solution.

Karen Pawlak- She is always full of cheer and encouragement.

Britt Crowe- She has a knack for relating to students that in turn earn their trust. Which is important to make a true impact in their lives.

Hannah Perry- She is very empathetic with her caseload. They respond so well to her because they can see she cares.

Daryl Crawford - he is very kind and easy to work with.

The Varsity football coaching staff and varsity football players- The coaching staff and varsity football players have defined that when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

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The coaching staff and players did not quit when things got tough during the last several games. They did not quit! They always tried against great odds and never gave up! As a result of their hard work, the team is on the way back with much success in the future because of their hard work and never give up attitude. I am proud to say they are my team, and I know the entire Vestaburg School Community is very proud of their hard work and ever-growing achievements!

The elementary intervention team- They worked collaboratively with the teachers to get the PAWs student groups up and running.

Kyle Clayton- Kyle has been instrumental in supporting the new playground build.

Gretchen Verhaar- No matter the day she is having she always has a smile on her face. She is always putting others before herself and stays positive. Thank you for always being the welcoming person students need!

Communications: None

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Regular meeting held September 9, 2024

Treasurer's Report - October

B. \$800,672.07 Bills to be Allowed, Check# 101347-101498

Wire Transfers# 901003241-909232401

C. Hire

1. Kerrie Rule - Paraprofessional

2. Marissa Johnson - Paraprofessional

Motion by Koutz, support by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

New Business

Art Teacher - Carol Herman

Hubbard explained to the board that with the resignation of the Art Teacher, Mrs. Herman has stepped in to help with the art program. Currently, she is coming in 4 days a week and creating the lesson plans every day. Given that Mrs. Herman is a board member, it has been advised that she refrain from involvement in matters related to this program and abstain from voting.

Motion by Davis, support by Spry-Virgo to approve hiring Carol Herman to help with the Art Program until the position is filled.

Roll Call: Davis - yes, Koutz - yes, Spry-Virgo - yes, Van Sickler - yes, Herman - abstained

Motion CARRIED 4-0, 1 abstained

Preliminary 2024-2025 Fund Balance Analysis

Hubbard stated that the audit has been completed and is looking really good. We will have one finding but that has already been taken care of. The auditors said that there is much improvement from last year.

Adair Claim Withdrawal

Hubbard stated that our ISD recommended that we withdraw from the suite as did several other school districts in our county.

Motion by Koutz, support by Spry-Virgo to withdraw from the Adair Claim.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Approve NHS Overnight Trip

Mrs. Bissell has presented an itinerary for a 3-day trip to New York.

Motion by Davis, support by Spry-Virgo to approve the NHS overnight trip.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Old Business

Playground Update

The playground structure has been installed. The wood chips will arrive tomorrow. Bruce Keyes loaned out his tractor to help spread the wood chips. This should be completed by the end of the week.

Items for Discussion: None

Works in Progress: None

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for the next board meeting November 11, 2024

Motion by Koutz, support by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Karen S Grover
Recording Secretary