

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 2024

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

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

Members absent: Zinn

Administrators present: Hubbard, Hillary, Staines, Warczinsky

Administrators absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Caudill, support by Spry-Virgo to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Recognition of Guests

Katie Bissell - 6532 Cutler Rd., Vestaburg - On behalf of the VEA she would like to thank the board for approving their contract for the next three years. Bissell thanked Mr. Hubbard as he is always very fair. The District is always his utmost importance but he always makes sure that the staff know how important they are.

Superintendent Report

Questions on Department Reports: None

Committee Reports: The Facilities Committee will meet next month.

Staffing Update: Hubbard stated that we found out today that one of the Alternative Education Teachers at Godwin Heights have resigned. But one of the other teachers in Godwin Heights will fill that Special Education position. Mrs. Brantley worked for us in the past as a paraprofessional. She is now coming back as a preschool teacher. Hubbard stated that we are looking to find an MTSS Coordinator.

Legislative Update: Hubbard stated that they are all out campaigning, but he is hopeful that they will make some amendments to the budget.

Shoutouts: Special shoutout to the administration, Mrs. Staines and Mrs. Hillary for their entry of a float in the community day's parade.

Communications: None

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Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 15, 2024
Treasurer's Report
- B. \$ 899,571.18 Bills to be Allowed, Check#101110-101225
Wire Transfer# 907052401-908072402
- C. Hire
 - 1. Ashtin Brantley - Kindergarten Bootcamp Teacher
 - 2. Ashtin Brantley - Preschool Teacher
 - 3. Ashley Woolman - Paraprofessional
 - 4. Donald Crawford - Art Teacher of Record

Motion by Koutz, support by Caudill to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

New Business

Approve State-Mandated Breakfast/Lunch Price Increase
Hubbard stated that our kids all eat free so this only affects the adult meals.
Motion by Herman, support by Caudill to approve State-Mandated
breakfast/lunch price increase.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve Milk and Bread Bid
Motion by Spry-Virgo, support by Davis to approve the milk and bread bids with
Cedar Crest Dairy and Gordon Food Service.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve VHS Course Catalog/Guide
Motion by Koutz, support by Davis to approve the VHS course catalog/guide.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve Alt. Ed. Course Catalog/Guide
Motion by Davis, support by Spry-Virgo to approve the alternative education
course catalog/guide
Motion CARRIED 6-0

Neola Special Update - Title IX
Hubbard explained that with the two policies. One is for anything that happened
before July 31st and the other policy is for anything that happens after August
1st.
Motion by Koutz, support by Spry-Virgo to approve Neola Title IX policies 2264
and 2266.
Motion CARRIED 6-0

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Approve 2024-2025 Emergency Operating Plan

Hubbard stated that the only thing that has changed with this is that it has to be approved biannually.

Motion by Spry-Virgo, support by Caudil to approve

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve Social Studies Curriculum grades 3-5

Hubbard stated that they have done a lot of work on this. Hubbard stated this is a free program. Hillary stated that with the one program, there were a lot of controversial pictures in there. Then they found this other program that has everything included. Workbook pages, and online cheat sheets for teachers.

Motion by Davis, support by Caudill to approve the Social Studies Curriculum.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Motion by Caudill, support by Herman to enter closed session at 6:24 p.m.

Roll call: Caudill - yes, Davis - yes, Herman - yes, Koutz - yes, Spry-Virgo - yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Motion by Koutz, support by Herman to reenter regular session at 6:38

Roll call: Caudill - yes, Davis - yes, Herman - yes, Koutz - yes, Spry-Virgo - yes, Van Sickler - yes

Motion CARRIED: 6-0

Closed Session for Negotiations (Closed Session MCL 15.268 Section 8c)

VESPA Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Spry-Virgo, support by Davis to approve the VESPA Contract

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Approve Administrative and Non-Union staff wage increases.

Motion by Spry-Virgo, support by Davis to approve

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Other Business: None

Old Business: None

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Discussion Items

CSI Update: The good news is that we are no longer CSI. The bad news is that it is not because we have fulfilled everything. With the request of the pupil accounting auditor we have changed the codes in the EEM. The two alternative buildings are drop-in centers. We had them as their own schools. We have updated this in the EEM and are off the list. But we could end up back on the list in a couple of years.

Spry-Virgo asked if there is anything being addressed by MDE, because typically those students in alternative education are always behind in credits.

Staines stated that our graduation rates are going up.

Works in Progress: The painting has been done in the Vestaburg Center. The carpet will be next. The updates are starting in the Godwin Heights alternative education building.

Recognition of Guests: None

Items for next Board Meeting September 9, 2024

Motion by Koutz, support by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 6-0

Karen S Grover
Recording Secretary