

REGULAR V.I.T. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 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 Larry Payne in the High School Library.

ROLL CALL Roll call was answered by: Nathan Essex, Ryan Heitz, Blake Miller, Josh Miller, Zach Parker, Larry Payne, and Amanda Rector.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE Other's present were: Matt Klaska, Superintendent; Travis Snowden, Jason Farr and Ella, Tina Bajic, Josh Grant, and Amy Hampton.

PLEDGE All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA 10 F. Discussion on health insurance.
14 M. Consider the approval to hire Brett Foglesong as the Jr High Football Coach.

CONSENT AGENDA A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Josh Miller to approve the items on the consent agenda including previous meeting minutes, financial reports, bills and payroll, and activity fund reports. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

TEACHER INPUT/CURRICULUM Jason Farr was present to give updates about the welding program and some school improvements. The plasma machine in the shop is in need of repairs, he would like to have a company look at it to fix the problem. Mr. Farr interviewed some Astoria students to give

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PUBLIC INPUT**

them a chance to join the welding program. He selected 5 students, all Juniors, to attend the Welding 1 Class this fall. The students will pay a tuition fee for the class.

None.

**SCHEDULED
VISITORS**

INFORMATION ITEMS

Discussion was held on the Triple I Convention in Chicago. No Board Member would like to attend this year.

TRIPLE I

**DUAL CREDIT
ELIGIBILITY**

Discussion was held on the dual credit eligibility. Dual credit classes are currently offered to the Jr & Sr classes. Discussion was held on the Sophomores taking a dual credit class, if they are in good standing and meet all prerequisites. Discussion was also on raising the GPA for the NHS- Honor Cords. Students would have to have a 3.5 GPA to receive the Honor Cord.

**STUDENT
HANDBOOK/
STAFF
HANDBOOK**

Discussion was held on the student handbook for the 25/26 school year. The handbooks will have a couple changes for the students. Discussion was held on raising tech fees for the incoming freshmen to \$75, use of a new chrome book and to take with them after they graduate. The Staff Handbook will also have some items added: cellphones, hallway monitoring, communication, ect.

**BOARD MEETING
DATES**

Discussion was held on the upcoming year's board meeting dates. July 16th, Aug. 20th, Sept. 17^h, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 15th, Dec. 17th @ 6 pm, Jan. 21st @ 6 pm, Feb. 18th @ 6 pm, March 12th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th.

**BIDDING FOR
BUS**

Discussion was held on bidding on a used school bus. Camp Point has 2 2019, 72 passenger buses up for bid.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

None

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Summer work is off to a good start, everyone is working hard.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS/
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Blake Miller at 7:57 pm to enter executive session. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Ryan Heitz to return to open session @ 8:36pm. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS

**NEW FISCAL
YEAR BUDGET**

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Blake Miller to approve granting the superintendent the right to continue to pay bills at the start of the new fiscal year prior to the budget being passed. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**ACADEMIC
ADVISOR
CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the academic advisor contract. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**RAISING GPA
for NHS**

A motion was made by Zach Parker and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve raising the required GPA for the NHS, Honor Cords to 3.5. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**ELEMENTARY
& JH/HS
HANDBOOK**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the Elementary Handbook and Jr/Sr High Handbooks. Motion passed with an all aye vote.

**BOARD
MEETING
DATES**

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve the Board Meeting Dates as follows:

- Wednesday, July 16, 2025 @ 7pm
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 7pm
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 7pm
- **Thursday, October 23, 2024 @ 7pm** (PT Conferences 1:30 -6:30)
- **Saturday, November 15, 2024 @ 8am** (Levy)
- Wednesday, December 17, 2023 @ 6pm
- Wednesday, January 21, 2025 @ 6pm

- Wednesday, February 18, 2025 @ 6pm
- **Thursday**, March 12, 2025 @ 7pm (PT Conferences 1:30 -7:00)
- Wednesday, April 15, 2025 @ 7pm
- Wednesday, May 20, 2025 @ 7pm
- Wednesday, June 17, 2025 @ 7pm

Motion passed with an all Aye vote.

DISTRICT SECRETARY CONTRACT

A motion was made by Zach Parker and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve the district secretary contract. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

SOPHOMORES TO TAKE DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve sophomores to seniors to take dual credit classes, pending they meet all prerequisites. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

2nd READING BOARD POLICIES

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the 2nd reading of board policies 7:255, 2:265, 2:260, 4:15, 4:80, 5:10, 5:20, 5:60, 5:100, 6:150, 6:235, 7:10, 7:20, 7:60, 7:70, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:250, 7:270, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340 . Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

WORKING CASH

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the onetime abatement of some working cash to pay outstanding expenses. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

RIFing PARAPROFESSIO AL

A Motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to approve the RIFing of a paraprofessional from full-time to part-time for the 25/26 school year Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Josh Miller to approve to bid on a 72 passenger school bus. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

SCHOOL BUS BID

No motion was made to approve moving the general accounts to Table Grove State Bank.

**MOVING
GENERAL**

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the hiring of Brett Foglesong as Jr High Football Coach. Roll call: Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; B. Miller, aye; J. Miller, aye; Parker, aye; Rector, aye and Payne, aye. Motion carried with a 7-0 roll call vote.

**JR HIGH
FOOTBALL
COACH
ACCOUNT
ANNOUNCEME
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In-person registration is July 16th 10am - 7pm. Online registration will open week before.

Next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th at 7pm

A motion was made by Josh Miller and seconded by Zach Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m. Motion carried with an all-AYE vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Rector
Vice President

Larry Payne
Board President

Amy Hampton
Recording Secretary
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