

VESTABURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017

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President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room.

Members present: Davis, McNerney, Palmer, Van Sickler, Zinn

Members absent: Drumm, Herman

Administrators present: Hubbard, Walderzak

Administrators absent: Weaver

Visitors present: Emily Groulx, Brent McQueen, Robert Shrenk, Amanda Slezak, Dianne Wilson, Larry Koutz

Approval of Agenda

Van Sickler amended the agenda by adding to the consent agenda

B. Resignation

1. Pat McCarty - Track Coach

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Department Reports: None

Communications

Principal Appreciation – Mr. Hubbard

Hubbard spoke to the board about how well the three administrators work together and that we would not get everything done if it was not for Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Walderzak. Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Walderzak take on extra responsibilities and duties. They work many long hours. They put our students first and their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Robotics Presentation

Mrs. Slezak presented the board what the robotics team has been working on to be ready for their first competition. Then the students gave the board member and visitors a demo of what their robot can do. Mrs. Slezak stated that they have put in a lot of hours and have had help from parents and community members.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 9, 2017 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Motion by Zinn, support by Davis to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held during the Regular meeting on January 9, 2017 as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Treasurer's Report- February

Motion by Van Sickler, support by McNerney to approve the bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Consent Agenda

A. Hire

1. Laura Neelis - Elementary Student Council Advisor
2. Shelly Gorsuch - Bus Driver
3. Jody Vissman - Homebound Teacher

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

New Business

Early College Presentation - Shannon Tripp

Currently we have 9 Vestaburg students attending Early College. The district also has 4 students that come to us schools of choice through Ionia to attend Early College. Vestaburg will have a couple of students graduate this year. One will graduate with a Associates degree and one with a certificate. The reason for the certificate is because the student just changed her degree at the end of the last semester so she is a few credits short. Zinn stated that the biggest concern for students is if they attend early college will they still be able to play high school sports. Shannon stated that Vestaburg coaches have always been very flexible with the student athletes for them to continue playing sports through high school. Shannon stated that the district has 7 applicants for next year. Hubbard stated that Vestaburg has 3 spots and it is a lottery system.

Robotics Overnight Trip

Hubbard stated that the board has the itinerary in there packet.

Motion by Davis, support by Zinn to approve the overnight robotics trip.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

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Land Donation

Hubbard showed the board where the land is located that the family would like to donate to the school district. There is no debt on the land and it is free and clear. The family is all out of state. There is no plan at this time to do anything with the lots but maybe in the future it is a possibility to add on to the parking lot.

Motion by Zinn, support by Davis to move forward with accepting the donation of the two lots to the school district.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Behavior Data Presentation - Emily Groulx and Matt Walderzak

Mr. Walderzak and Ms. Groulx work with the discipline and ways to improve the procedures. The HOPE Crew meet as a group twice a month. This year the group has been working on cell phone use, dress code, tardies. Walderzak stated we are blessed to have Emily with us on working on the behavior process. After two office referrals a note will go home to parents. After a 3rd referral a parent meeting will be set. Emily stated there is a whole list of interventions and the Hope crew decides which interventions works best for the individual student. Matt stated that the group has been working on this process and tweaking it over the last 3-4 years. Hubbard stated one of the biggest things the team has worked on is changing the behavior. Emily and Matt showed the data to the board of office referrals, office referrals by type, etc. Matt shared the goals established by the HOPE crew and stated that currently the district is meeting those goals.

Other Business: None

Items for Discussion

Shout Outs

Hubbard stated this month's shout outs go to:

Ken Tiesworth for fixing all of the computer problems. A update was pushed out from the ISD that was not to go out and corrupted some of the computers. Ken stayed until midnight making sure that everyone's computer was up and running for the next school day.

Brian Zinn for reminding the student athletes that they are students first.

Jody Vissman and Annette Mills for helping with the elementary announcements every morning.

Jody Vissman and Kim Hansen for their work with the middle school/high school book fair. They are promoting a pay it forward with students purchasing a book and passing it on for another student to read.

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Legislative Update

Hubbard talked about the governor's upcoming budget and that not all districts are funded equally.

Set Special Board Retreat Date

Hubbard stated that we need to set a date to go over the superintendent evaluation tool.

Hubbard suggested that we meet at 12:00 p.m. on March 13th before the regular meeting. Then we need to have another meeting to discuss sinking fund, facilities. Hubbard suggested the 27th of March at 4:30 p.m. at Clifford Lake Inn.

Works in Progress

Virtual School Update

Hubbard stated that for count day our Virtual school came in at 55 students. Our cyber schools in Port Huron and Muskegon have a total of 35 students. Hubbard stated that our cyber program has a meeting with a representative of MDE. The MDE likes our program and is using us as a model for other cyber schools.

Recognition of Guests

Robert Shrenk - 700 Jack G. Rd., Vestaburg - Mr. Shrenk shared that he just bought a house in the community and wanted to come and introduce himself.

Breant McQueen - 6884 E. Schmeid Rd., Vestaburg - Thanked the board for contracting his business in the past and appreciates the business.

Items for next Board Meeting March 13, 2017

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Motion CARRIED 5-0

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary