

VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: January 13, 2014

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: High School Media Center

A. CALL TO ORDER:

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Kennard at 6:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Kennard , Kirk Van Wormer, Russ Hubbard, Ben Guile
Jeff Fackler, Jill Baase, Randy Middlin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Palmer, Paul Wojno, Deb Dewey, Al Hoard, Bill Haines

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ADDITION OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

1. MOTION by Randy Middlin, support by Russ Hubbard to approve agenda with addition of Item L #1.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

E. BOARD RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCES:

F. SPOTLIGHT OF MONTH:

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CORRECTIONS:

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Ben Guile to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 Regular and December 18, 2013 Special Meetings as presented.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

H. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. General Ledger Summary Comparison Reports-General Fund and Food Service: No comments.
2. Internal Fund Balance Sheet- Mr. Fackler: Thank you for clearing up those negative balances.
3. RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Russ Hubbard to approve the payroll expenses in the amount of \$849,915.11.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Jeff Fackler to approve the General Fund expenses in the amount of \$126,077.01.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Mr. Fackler: The numbers are not presented in the same manner they once were.

4. Committee Reports – NA

I. FINANCIAL ISSUES:

J. CURRICULUM ISSUES:

K. BY-LAWS AND POLICY ISSUES:

L. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

1. Mr. Palmer: Fran is handing out the evaluation form for you to turn in by January 31, 2014. Fran will keep for Mike Kennard to pick up or you can send directly to him. The evaluation form is to be discussed during closed session at the February meeting. When do you want to meet with the administrators for discussion? The board agreed unanimously to meet in March. When would you

as a board like to review administrative contracts? The board agreed unanimously to review them in March. Mr. Middlin: Between now and the evaluation, with Tom working in Millington, how are we going to evaluate whether it is working? Is Tom logging his hours? Are we using an evaluation tool? Mr. Hubbard: Millington & Vassar Committees will meet to evaluate if it is working and report back to the board. Mr. Middlin: They may find a Superintendent between now and then and this could be a mute issue. Mr. Hubbard: The committees will be evaluate in 60 days and report back to the boards. Quick discussion began about who the committees would be talking to for input, whether all the board members could receive input, etc. Mr. Fackler: So you've been going over there and what is the reaction? Mr. Palmer: So far so good. All I've done is call off school. Mr. Middlin: Has John Males stepped down? Mr. Palmer: Yes, his health isn't good.

M. STUDENT ISSUES:

N. OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

1. The district will have a Special School Election on May 6, 2014 to **renew** the 18 mill non-homestead tax. This tax generates approximately \$768,000 in tax revenue for the district. The district will be in a deficit situation without these funds.

MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Jeff Fackler to adopt the Special School Election (ballot proposal language) resolution as read.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. Mr. Palmer: Skyport Advertising is an opportunity for more income. I am not sure if I am in favor of it. They place an ad on our website and we get so much per hit. What concerns me is whether they'll put something controversial on the website. Mr. Fackler: Is it a 1 year agreement? Mr. Palmer: Yes. Mr. Middlin: We can pull it in 60 days if we do not like it. Mr. Fackler: Is it displayed on the page or pop-ups? Mr. Palmer: I don't know. Mrs. Baase: What does the average school make? Mr. Palmer: I don't know and they wouldn't be able to tell us as there are so many variables to consider. Mr. Middlin: The company has total control.

MOTION by Randy Middlin, support by Ben Guile to not use Skyport Advertising on the district website.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 24 attendees.

- o No participants.

P. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Last Friday was the big finance meeting in Lansing. Funds are up. The State of the State address will be the first part of February. I feel there won't be any additional funds for school districts. It will hinge on how the Governor does in the polls. He may free up some money if he drops in the polls. His goal is early childhood/preschool and those are flush with money. It doesn't help K-12 programming. The legislature could come out and force his hand to free money. When we start next year's budget, it will be without any extra money. We are still working with the \$300 per pupil deficit that he took from us a few years ago. The birthrate has decreased 20%. We need to cut \$1 million in order to not have a deficit budget and to maintain the fund balance. This year's amended budget will be presented at the February meeting. The next round of cuts will be tough. Our hope is the Governor will relinquish some money.

Q. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

- o Mr. Wojno: The Senior Citizen Brunch had 220 senior show. Thanks to the Women's Life Club for their donations.
- o Mr. Haines: No comment.

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- Mrs. Dewey: Some of the floors at Townsend were very wet due to water coming from the roof through vents. Big thanks to the custodians for working hard and getting the floors and rooms so dry.

R. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mr. Middlin: I would like to thank everybody for their support over the next 12 months. Santa and Mrs. Claus had an enjoyable experience. Remember these seniors are people who do not normally get in the buildings and they do vote. Everybody has to get out there and get people to vote or we will have to have some extreme cuts.

S. CLOSED SESSION:

T. DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 22 & 23 – Half day of school for Exams
January 24 – No school for students; Teacher record day

U. NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING:

February 10 – Regular Meeting in the High School Media Center @ 6:30pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

1. MOTION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Jeff Fackler to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm.

MOTION CARRIED

DATED: _____ SIGNED: _____

(Secretary)