

VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: July 3, 2013

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 , Roger Bacon, Kirk Van Wormer, Russ Hubbard, Ben Guile,
Jill Baase

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Fackler

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Palmer

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Russ Hubbard to approve agenda as is.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

E. BOARD RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCES:

F. SPOTLIGHT OF MONTH:

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CORRECTIONS:

1. MOTION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Ben Guile to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and Closed session and the June 17 & 24 Special Meetings as presented.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

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- No comments.
3. RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Russ Hubbard to approve the payroll in the amount of \$317,988.90.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

Mr. Van Wormer stated that the amount of the expenses in the original memo (\$990,586.86) provided in the board meeting packets was significantly lower than the amount on the memo (\$650,183.86) Mrs. Peplinski distributed before the meeting. Mrs. Peplinski explained as follows: The district is in consortium with the ISD for the IDEA grant. The district bills the ISD for the IDEA grant funds. The ISD sends the funds to the district. The district turns around and pays the ISD for the cost of itinerant services in the same amount as the IDEA grant funds which happened to be \$340,403 this year. The check from the ISD was anticipated to be received before June 30th. A check was cut to the ISD. This made the expenses the \$990,586.86. When the funds didn't arrive in time for fiscal year end posting the check was voided, reducing expenses to \$650,183.86. The ISD check had not yet sent the check as they filed our invoice instead of submitting for payment. If all had worked properly, the expenses for the month of June 2013 would have been \$990,586.86.

RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Ben Guile to approve the General Fund expenses in the amount of \$650,183.86.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

4. Committee Reports – NA

I. FINANCIAL ISSUES:

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J. CURRICULUM ISSUES:

K. BY-LAWS AND POLICY ISSUES:

1. MOTION by Roger Bacon, support by Ben Guile to adopt the following revised bylaws:
 - a. 0122 Powers and Philosophy
 - b. 0144.3 Conflict of Interest

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)
2. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Roger Bacon to adopt the following revised policies:
 - a. 2270 Religion in the Curriculum
 - b. 2370.01 Online Blended Learning Program
 - c. 4162 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers
 - d. 5112 Entrance Age
 - e. 5610 Emergency Removal Suspension and Expulsion of Non-Disabled Students
 - f. 5610.01 Expulsions/Suspensions Required by State Statute
 - g. 8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)
3. MOTION by Roger Bacon, support by Russ Hubbard to adopt the following new policies:
 - a. 5340.01 Concussion and Athletic Activities
 - b. 5515.01 Safe Operation of Motorized Utility Vehicles by Students
 - c. 6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement
 - d. 7540.07 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Students
 - e. 7540.08 Personal Internet Account Privacy - Staff

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

L. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

1. In the past the district has shared payroll services with Reese Public Schools. Mrs. Spencer was neither full time nor receiving benefits at Reese. With the Affordable Care Act now in place, sharing services with Reese Public Schools puts Mrs. Spencer into the realm of becoming full time and receiving benefits. So to continue as both districts have in the past with Mrs. Spencer being a part time and receiving no benefits, each district will be contracting Mrs. Spencer on a part time basis.

MOTION by Roger Bacon, support by Kirk Van Wormer to approve the contract to hire Melissa Spencer as Part-Time Payroll Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous-Fackler absent)

2. Mr. Palmer: Last month the board decided to table the layoff of a custodian. After a meeting Mr. Hoard and Mr. Palmer do not recommend the layoff of the custodian. Instead they opted to cut back on using PCMI custodial subs but to continue the use of students. The district will revisit at next month's meeting if there still is a need for cutbacks.

M. STUDENT ISSUES:

N. OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 19 participants.

- o Linda Inglis, 6100 Hess Rd., Vassar, MI: What is the date of the next meeting? August 12, 2013 An incorrect date was written on the agenda.
- o Tracy Brightman, 7017 S Vassar Rd., Vassar, MI: No comments.
- o Onna Clinesmith, 6630 Washburn Rd., Vassar, MI: Thank you for using the microphone.
- o Judy Neblock, 306 S Main, Vassar, MI: No comments.

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- David Atkins, 5702 Waterman Rd., Vassar, MI: What administrators are fully funded by the school? Mr. Palmer-Superintendent, Mr. Wojno-High & Middle School Principal, Mr. Kiss-Middle School Assistant Principal and Mr. Marcy-Central Elementary Principal. What administrative positions are not fully funded by the school? Mr. Fabbro –Pioneer Work & Learn Principal is 45% district/55% ISD. Mrs. Weirauch –Special Education Coordinator is 100% ISD. Mr. Haines is 50% district for his role as Social Worker and 50% ISD for his role as Special Education Coordinator. Mrs. Dewey is 75% district and 25% Millington Community Schools. What is the district going to do with the Athletic Director position now? Administration is looking into this. No decisions have been made. As it had already been 10 minutes and participants are allowed to speak for 3 minutes, he asked if he could read his list of possible cuts. Mr. Palmer asked him to bring his list to his office. They could discuss it and Mr. Palmer would email it to all the board members and fax to Mr. Van Wormer.

P. CLOSED SESSION:

Q. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. So far, so good this summer. It has been quiet the last few weeks. State Superintendent Flanagan has submitted a proposal to the governor to change to county wide school systems, modeling after Florida. Local superintendents have been invited on August 14th to meet with Senator Kildee at the Saginaw ISD to provide input. The district is waiting to see where enrollment falls. The first Friday count will be vital. Mrs. Baase mentioned the recent delay in the Affordable Care Act. The IRS is not yet ready so no penalties will be issued until 2015.

R. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

S. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Baase: If anybody has anything to email please do so. She disagrees with the 3 minute limit on Public Participation. Mrs. Neblock suggested that since Mr. Atkins was not allowed to read his list, he should take it to the newspaper. Ms. Perry said that she would like to hear what was on the list. Otherwise, it would appear we are trying to hide information. They have a right to voice their issues. Mr. Palmer stated that there is a board policy on how to run meetings. It is not a matter of a cover up just about timeliness. We are trying to run a professional meeting with opportunities for the public to voice their concerns. (Refer to Policy 167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings) Mr. Atkins asked if all meetings have closed sessions. Mr. Palmer stated there are only certain reasons the board may go into closed sessions such as a student suspension/expulsion or contract negotiations. Mr. Bacon stated it is how we do it. We have contracts up for negotiation. (Refer to Policy 167.2 – Closed Session)
- Mr. Van Wormer: Included in this month's packet was the Transportation Year End Report. He said it is well put together and quite informative. The busses are getting less than 7 miles per gallon which means they are idling too long.
- Mr. Kennard: His enforcement of the 3 minute limit for Public Participation tonight was his attempt to regain control of the meeting after the exchanges that took place at the prior month's meeting where things got carried away. He will listen to any comments anyone has. He enjoys parent/student comments.

T. DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 29 - August 2: Audit

U. NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING:

August 12 – Regular Meeting in the High School Media Center @ 6:30pm

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V. ADJOURNMENT:

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Roger Bacon to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm.

MOTION CARRIED

DATED: _____ SIGNED: _____
(Secretary)