

VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: November 10, 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 , Ben Guile, Kirk Van Wormer, Russ Hubbard, Jeff Fackler, Jill Baase,
Randy Middlin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Palmer, Phil Marcy, Jason Kiss, Chuck Fabbro, Andrea Legue

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support Ben Guile by approve agenda adding Items F#1, I #1 and deleting L #1.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

E. BOARD RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCES:

F. SPOTLIGHT OF MONTH:

1. Mr. Trisch demonstrated the new 3D printer.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CORRECTIONS:

1. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Jeff Fackler to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2014 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

H. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. General Ledger Summary Comparison Reports-General Fund and Food Service:
 - Mr. Fackler: The Monthly Comparison of YTD Revenue and Expenditures Report is missing 2014 information. Mrs. Peplinski will redo and forward to board members.
 - Mr. Van Wormer: Why is the Food Service Fund Balance so low? Mrs. Peplinski will look into it.
2. Internal Fund Balance Sheet: Mr. Van Wormer: Gymnastics has two accounts, High School and Youth with similar balances. Are they the same? Mrs. Peplinski will find out.
3. RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Jeff Fackler to approve the payroll expenses in the amount of \$691,697.17.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Ben Guile to approve the General Fund expenses in the amount of \$248,298.61.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

4. Committee Reports – Dual Board Meeting report: Mr. Palmer discussed the change to his office hours. The next meeting is February 23, 2015, for the purpose of evaluating the shared service and to determine its continuation or end. The boards will then make their decisions at their March meetings.

I. FINANCIAL ISSUES:

1. Mr. Kiss compared the pen/pencil testing option to the computerized option. The current problem being faced is that there is no electricity where needed to do the computerized. Five companies were sent bids to which 3 replied. To use computerized the district could need to create a testing station in the Media Center that would house 80 units. Another problem is the computers are old, end computing and not capable for meeting testing requirements. Mr. Palmer added that At Risk funds are available that we can use to do this. Must happen by March 3, 2015 to accommodate testing. The Elementary School computers are to be funded by Title I. The Media Center computers will be used through Priority Schools who will be increasing testing.

MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Russ Hubbard to accept the computer bid from Sunterra for all building computers in the amount of \$59,200.00.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Ben Guile to accept the electrical bid from Cooper Electric for power and cabling for all buildings in the amount of \$34,880.00.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

J. CURRICULUM ISSUES:

1. Mr. Kiss: Mr. Palmer, Dr. Makas and himself met with MDE panel (Approval Team) to discuss issues. The Team liked the input and use of data but wanted more narrative throughout the plan. The Priority School team added the narrative to the plan and are to resubmit by November 18th. January 7-9, 2015, the Approval Team via phone interview will call to discuss any further revisions.
2. Mr. Marcy: He and administration met with the Focus Schools Coach on November 5th. They reviewed the data and K-12 gaps. They then met with the Central School team and discussed NWEA testing. The coach is positive about the base camps and instructional materials.

K. BY-LAWS AND POLICY ISSUES:

L. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

M. STUDENT ISSUES:

N. OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. There was public comment at this meeting.

P. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Palmer: We have spending a lot of time with Priority Schools.

Q. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

- Mr. Kiss would like to give a lot of credit to teachers who are giving so much of their own time.
- Mr. Fabbro: Parent Teacher Conferences were on 2 Saturdays this fall. They were able to have contact with 76 families or 47%. He credits his staff for thinking outside the box. Count is about 165.
- Mr. Marcy: Very much looking forward to Veterans' Day Celebration. Starting annual food drive.
- Mrs. Legue: 10 students went to MHSAA Student Summit about sportsmanship.

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R. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mr. Fackler: Latchkey is doing phenomenal. Where will excess funds go? Mr. Palmer: To the fund balance.
- Mrs. Baase: We need to listen to Onna Clinesmith. We may want to look at this again. She doesn't feel all steps in process were taken. She doesn't want the public to think due process wasn't given.
- Mr. Middlin: If it is not an agenda item, the board cannot make a motion. He would like to see a meeting all involved. He had spoken to individual and that person did not understand that he could still attend board meetings. Mr. Palmer added that when individual was handed the letter, he specifically told the individual that nobody could be banned from attending a public meeting.
- Chief Guile: My understanding was that the individual could not be banned from a public meeting. He further went on to state that the individual had brought the letter to the Chief and the Chief told the individual his understanding of the letter.
- Mr. Middlin added that it is a matter of interpretation but possibly the letter could be rewritten.
- Mr. Fackler: Addressed the public stating that they can ask for information but do not have the right to harass staff members.

S. CLOSED SESSION:

1. MOTION by Randy Middlin, support by Jeff Fackler to go into closed session at 7:45pm to discuss union contract negotiations for Teachers.

ROLL CALL:

Hubbard – yes

Guile – yes

Kennard – yes

Van Wormer – yes

Fackler – yes

Baase – yes

Middlin - yes

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Jeff Fackler to return to open session at 8:07pm.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

3. No action taken.

4. Mr. Kiss and Mr. Palmer discussed some staffing issues.

T. DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 24 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30 – 8:30pm

November 25 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:30pm

November 25 Half Day for Students

November 26-28 Thanksgiving

U. NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING:

December 8 - Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm in the High School Media Center

V. ADJOURNMENT:

1. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Russ Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

DATED 12-08-2014

SIGNED: Russ Hubbard
Secretary