

VASSAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: January 12, 2015

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Auditorium

A. CALL TO ORDER:

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Randy Middlin at 6:42 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Palmer, Phil Marcy, Steve Wilkinson, Lee Andrea, Chip Hendrick

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Jill Baase to approve agenda.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

E. BOARD RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCES:

F. SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH:

1. Mr. Fabbro presented a **GED completer who is now attending college.**
2. Mrs. Rittenberg presented **Raegan Fabbro who won the county and state competitions for her soil conservation poster and is one of 50 posters hanging in DC for the national contest.**
3. Mrs. Rittenberg presented **Middle School Robotics Team who placed 17 out of 64 in their first State competition.**

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CORRECTIONS:

1. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Russ Hubbard to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Regular Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

H. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS AND/OR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. General Ledger Summary Reports-General Fund and Food Service: No comments.
2. Internal Fund Balance Sheet: No comments.
3. RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Ben Guile to approve the payroll expenses in the amount of \$748,479.91.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

RECOMMENDATION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Russ Hubbard to approve the General Fund expenses in the amount of \$378,541.93.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Mr. Van Wormer noted that gas prices went down in December from \$2.85 to \$2.11 per gallon for the busses.

4. Committee Reports – NA

I. FINANCIAL ISSUES:

1. Resolution on bond vote - Mr. Palmer: We met with the Treasury Department on 12-22-2014 to review the bond proposal language. The Treasury tweaked the language a bit. The resolution is on page 4 of the bond proposal packet. The decision must be made tonight to deliver the package to the Treasury by tomorrow in order to be on the May ballot. Mr. Andrea and Mr. Hendricks are here tonight to answer any questions you might have. Mr. Middlin reviewed the projects in the

bond proposal. Mr. Hubbard added that when the project lists were completed, they were needs and safety issues. No fluff or unnecessary cosmetic items. Mrs. Baase felt the issue should wait to be reviewed at a separate meeting. Mr. Palmer noted that in the fall the district will need to get busses. If May vote passes, the district can use the funds right away instead of using fund balance. The other problem is the water main at the High School. Mr. Fackler felt the prices were too high and there are areas to trim back on the proposal. Mrs. Baase asked about the bid process. Mr. Hendricks replied that all jobs are bid out. Large bids require a bond. He review the bid process. He would hold a pre-award conference and present a list of low qualified award recommendations to be approved by the board. Mr. Van Wormer asked how architectural fees are determined. Mr. Hendricks answered on a percentage basis that is negotiated. Chief Guile asked about the process to arrive at the estimates. Mr. Hendricks uses historical cost information, engineer evaluations and prevailing wages. He added that there needs to be enough money in the bond to be able to completely do everything in the proposal. Mr. Andrea spoke about the possibility of resolution bonds that could be used in the event of an emergency. If the May election fails, the next option is November.

MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Jeff Fackler to decline bond proposal resolution.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

The board called for a special meeting to discuss the bond proposal issue. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

J. CURRICULUM ISSUES:

1. Mr. Kiss was ill so Mr. Palmer presented. The High School is still in the reporting process.
2. Mr. Marcy: The 1st of the quarterly report was uploaded as of 1-6-2015. They are in their 2nd of 3 achievement assessments. On January 22nd Central School Math and District Math Committees will meet with the MDE coach.
3. Mr. Tallman and Mr. Neuroth did a presentation on the High School Robotics program, FRC-First Robotics Competition for grades 9-12. The program started January 3rd. They received funding from FIRST of \$6,000, DOW \$2,000, and hoping for another \$2,000-2,500 to cover this year. Next year looking to fundraise the entire budget. Currently there are 15 students who meet after school. They have a commitment from 8 parent with different skill sets.

K. BY-LAWS AND POLICY ISSUES:

1. Second time reading of bylaws and policies:
 - a. Policy 1420 School Administrator Evaluation (revised)
 - b. Policy 2370.01 Online/Blended Learning Program (revised)
 - c. Policy 3220 Professional Staff Evaluation (revised)
 - d. Policy 5830 Student Fund-Raising (revised)
 - e. Policy 7540.02 District Web Page (revised)
 - f. Policy 7540.03 Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised)
 - g. Policy 7540.04 Staff Education T Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised)
 - h. Policy 8325 Receipt of Legal Documents (revised)
 - i. Policy 8330 Student Records (revised)
 - j. Policy 8500 Food Services (revised)
 - k. Policy 8510 Wellness (revised)
 - l. Policy 8540 Vending Machines (revised)
 - m. Policy 9211 District Support Organizations (revised)
 - n. Policy 9800 High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era Veterans (revised)

MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Jeff Fackler to accept listed policies.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

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L. PERSONNEL ISSUES:

1. MOTION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Ben Guile to rehire Beverly (Babe) Churcott as Transportation Secretary.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

M. STUDENT ISSUES:

N. OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

1. Emergency Plan: Mr. Palmer stated the play is necessary for the safety grant. Chief Guile further explained that the district needs to get a "repeater" as there are dead zones in the district where radios do not work.

MOTION by Jeff Fackler, support by Ben Guile to accept Emergency Plan.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. Mr. Wilkinson discussed why van is needed and reviewed the vehicles in the quote.

MOTION by Jeff Fackler, support by Ben Guile to purchase from Cooks a 10 passenger 2015 Chevy Express for \$26,605.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. There was public comment at this meeting.

P. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Palmer informed the public that January is Board Appreciation Month and we all appreciate all that the board does for the district.

Q. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

1. No comments.

R. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Baase expressed her concern regarding cost and status of ongoing complaint.

S. CLOSED SESSION:

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Ben Guile to go into closed session at 9:34pm to discuss contract negotiations for teachers, bus drivers and custodial unions.

Roll Call:

Hubbard – yes

LaPratt – yes

Guile – yes

Van Wormer – yes

Middlin – yes

Fackler – yes

Baase – yes

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Ben Guile to return to open session at 9:58pm.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

3. MOTION by Jeff Fackler, support by Kirk Van Wormer to deny proposed VPS teacher union contract.

Roll Call:

Hubbard – yes

LaPratt – yes

Guile – yes

Van Wormer – yes

Middlin – yes

Fackler – yes

Baase – yes

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

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4. MOTION by Ben Guile, support by Russ Hubbard to deny proposed PWL teacher union contract.

Roll Call:

Hubbard – yes

LaPratt – yes

Guile – yes

Van Wormer – yes

Middlin – yes

Fackler – yes

Baase – yes

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

5. MOTION by Kirk Van Wormer, support by Russ Hubbard to ratify bus driver union contract.

Roll Call:

Hubbard – yes

LaPratt – yes

Guile – yes

Van Wormer – yes

Middlin – yes

Fackler – yes

Baase – yes

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

T. DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 13 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Launch Renovated Media Center at 6:00pm.

January 21 Exams/Half day for students

January 22 Exams/Half day for students

January 23 No school for students; Teacher record day

U. NEXT REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING:

January 27 Special Meeting @ 7:00pm in the Auditorium

February 10 Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm in the Auditorium

V. ADJOURNMENT:

1. MOTION by Russ Hubbard, support by Kirk Van Wormer to adjourn the meeting at 10:18pm.

MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

DATED 2-10-2015

SIGNED: Russ Hubbard
(Secretary)