

Meeting Minutes for Board of Education for Vassar Public Schools

Regular Meeting

Date: June 23, 2015

Time: 7:00pm Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Place: Auditorium

- A. Call of order:
 - 1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Randy Middlin at 7:01pm

- B. Roll Call:
 - 1. Members Present: Fackler, Baase, LaPratt, Van Wormer, Hubbard, Guile, Middlin
 - 2. Members Absent: None
 - 3. Others Present: Palmer, Kiss, Makas, Nesbitt, Peplinski

- C. Pledge of Allegiance

- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
 - 1. Palmer asked to add #4 to section J – Math Initiative and 1 to 1 devices presentation.
 - 2. MOTION by Fackler, support by Hubbard to approve the agenda with changes.
MOTION CARRIED (Unanimous)

- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances: none

- F. Spotlight of the Month:
 - 1. Mrs. Legue and Chuck Fabbro presented De Aundre Callahan (senior) who was chosen as Tuscola County Defensive Player of the Year.
 - 2. Mrs. Legue and Chuck Fabbro presented Tyler Humpert who was chosen as BCAM Honorable Mention All-State Player.
 - 3. Comment was made that Chuck Fabbro was chosen to coach the Tri-Valley All-Star team.

- G. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
 - 1. MOTION by Baase, support by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting and Closed Session. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - 2. MOTION by Guile, support by Fackler to approve the minutes from the May 19 and May 28, 2015 Special Meetings.

- H. Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports:
 - 1. General Ledger Summary Comparison Reports - General Fund and Food Service
 - 2. Internal Fund Balance Sheet
 - 3. General Fund disbursements as presented by Treasurer
 - a. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Guile to approve Payroll expenses as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - b. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Baase to approve the General Fund expenditures as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - 4. Committee Reports – n/a

- I. Financial Issues:
 - 1. Bond Proposal Update: June 30 there will be a meeting with the architect.
 - 2. Hubbard read the 2014-2015 Amended General Fund Budget Resolution.
MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Baase to approve the 2014-2015 Amended General Fund Budget Resolution as presented. . ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - 3. Hubbard read the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid (August 2015 Borrowing Through the Michigan Finance Authority).
MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Fackler to approve the Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

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4. Hubbard read the 2015-2016 Proposed General Fund Budget Resolution. MOTION by Guile, support by Hubbard to approve the 2015-2016 Proposed General Fund Budget Resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 5. Hubbard read the 2015-2016 Food Service Budget Resolution. MOTION by Fackler, support by Guile to approve the 2015-16 Food Service Budget Resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- J. Curriculum Issues:
1. Priority School update by Mr. Kiss. Kiss had comments regarding year end activities and the teacher summer training institute that was well represented by the teachers and had great facilitators. Mr. Boros discussed proposed changes to the High School handbook. Discussion about attendance and dual enrollment. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to approve the changes to the High School handbook as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 2. Focus School update by Mr. Marcy. – none
 3. Dr. Makas and Mrs. Hershberger presented the board with a report of how Vassar Public Schools students are improving in college readiness. ACT scores are showing growth. Dr. Makas and Mrs. Hershberger also presented the board with a new math program for K-12 that would also include professional development and 1 to 1 devices for 6-8 grades. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to approve \$77,657 of At Risk Funding 31a money for the Everyday Math materials and \$7,500 of Title IIA money for professional development to help with the new math program. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
Discussion continued about the 1 to 1 devices and was tabled until August. Mr. Nesbitt will provide the board with updates of the equipment and insurances available. Also the board will have a better idea after of the fund balance after the audit. Cost for the devices is projected to be \$67,831 using general fund money.
 4. Moving band to part time. Mr. Kiss and Mr. Boros had comments regarding the schedule and need for a full time band director. All High School programming would remain, only 5th grade band would be eliminated. 5th grade band is not a graded class and is held during the students' recess time.
Audience comments were allowed at this time:
 - a. Glory Smith had comments about eliminating a year of learning before competitions.
 - b. Lori Kilmer had comments as a current music teacher and the importance about building a music foundation early for added success in music.
 - c. Ken Collison suggested adding orchestra/string as an added class to fill the position.
 - d. David Atkins said we will lose students without a full time band instructor.
 - e. Mrs. Smith had reflections of what band did for her at an early age.
 - f. Parent wanting to know if the current band director was aware of the schools position.
 - g. Other comments about the budget and the cost to keep the band director full time from various audience members.MOTION by LaPratt, support by Guile to keep the band director as a full time position.
MOTION CARRIED (6Yes/1No, Fackler opposed)
- K. Bylaws and Policy Issues:
1. Second reading of new/revised bylaws/policies. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Guile to approve the new/revised bylaws and policies as presented in the second reading. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- L. Personnel Issues:
1. Staff Retirements:
 - a. Jim Baker, High School Teacher of 20 years. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Baase to accept the resignation of Jim Baker. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - b. Mary Kennard, Central Elementary Teacher of 25 years. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Guile to accept the resignation of Mary Kennard. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

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- c. Nancy Neuroth, Middle School Teacher of 21 years. MOTION by Guile, support by Fackler to accept the resignation of Nancy Neuroth. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - d. Cherie Herr, Bus Driver of 16 years. MOTION by Fackler, support by Van Wormer to accept the resignation of Cherie Herr. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 2. Approve hiring of Payroll & HR Consultant position. MOTION by Guile, support by Baase to approve the Payroll and HR Coordinator position. MOTION CARRIED (6 yes/1 no, Hubbard abstained)
- M. Student Issues:
1. Mr. Fabbro: Basketball team would like approval to go on overnight trip to Harrison for the Au Sable River Shootout in Roscommon June 19-20. Mr. Fabbro and the basketball team already went and asked for forgiveness.
 2. Mr. Kiss: Football team would like approval to go on overnight trip to East Jordan for defensive camp at the end of July. MOTION by Hubbard, support by LaPratt to approve an overnight trip for the football team in July. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- N. Operational Issues:
1. Hubbard read the Section 125 Resolution adoption. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Van Wormer to adopt the Section 125 Resolution as read. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 2. Hubbard read the MHSAA 2015-2016 Membership Resolution. MOTION by LaPratt, support by Guile to approve the 2015-16 MHSAA Membership Resolution as read. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase,-Yes, LaPratt-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 3. Mr. Kiss to discuss building workout area by bus compound (sand pit). Mr. Kiss has a volunteer that will build a sand pit at zero cost to the school. The sand pit will be used for exercise and conditioning. Any liability is covered under district insurance policy. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Fackler for the approval to build the sand pit. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- O. Public Participation:
1. Shelly Abel asked for proof of insurance for the Robotics team to have a display at the River Fest.
 2. David Atkins made personal attacks against some employees and board members, stating they needed to be removed. Middlin asked him to stop talking and refrain from the use of names in his attack.
- P. Superintendent's Comments:
1. Mr. Palmer had comments about the Townsend playground. More woodchips need to be added at a cost of \$2,000. Mr. Palmer also had comments about the positive use of social media for the school. Mr. Nesbitt to have a presentation at a future board meeting on how it would look and be used.
- Q. Administrative Comments:
1. Mr. Kiss had comments about the showcases being cleaned out and updated.
- R. Board Member Comments:
1. Change of date of July meeting to July 21st. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Baase to move the July 21st meeting to 6:30pm. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 2. LaPratt had comments about how to eliminate the "name" focus/priority from the school. Palmer said it is a 3 year process to get off the "list".
- S. Closed Session:
1. To discuss support staff contract negotiations. – Tabled until next month
- T. Dates to Remember:

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- U. Next Regular or Special Meeting:
July 21 Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium

- V. Adjournment:
 - 1. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Van Wormer to adjourn at 9:54pm. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date 7-21-2015

Signature Russell W Hubbard
Board of Education Secretary