

Meeting Minutes for Board of Education Meeting for Vassar Public Schools Regular Meeting

Date: September 8, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm 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 6:30pm.
- B. Roll Call:
 - 1. Members Present: Fackler, LaPratt, Van Wormer, Hubbard, Middlin
 - 2. Members Absent: Baase, Guile
 - 3. Others Present: Marcy, Kiss, Nesbitt, Palmer
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
 - 1. Nesbitt asked that the meeting time at the top of the agenda reflect Change time from 6:300pm to 6:30pm
 - 2. Under (L) Personnel Issues add (4) Hiring of Ashley Koch, (5) Hiring of Sundae Peterson, (6) Introduce Mike Richards
 - 3. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to approve the agenda with changes, MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances:
 - 1. Pastor Doug Abel, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed his appreciation for the use of the grounds and venues during Riverfest.
- F. Spotlight of the Month:
- G. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
 - 1. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- H. Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports:
 - 1. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Hubbard to approve payroll expenses as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - 2. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Hubbard to approve general fund expenditures as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- I. Financial Issues:
 - 1. Middlin and Palmer talked to the phone survey company asking them for the questions. The company will have those ready soon and they will be emailed to the board members.
- J. Curriculum Issues:
 - 1. Kiss had comments about the open house that was going on along with the community support of Campus Life, the military branches as well as the Dept. of Human Services.
 - 2. Marcy had comments regarding the latest changes that have been presented from MDE.
 - 3. Approval of student handbooks was tabled until next month. Discussion among board members saying that it should have been presented before school starts.
- K. Bylaws and Policy Issues: none
- L. Personnel Issues:
 - 1. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Hubbard to approve the retirement of Phil Chelekis, band teacher of 17 years. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 - 2. MOTION by Fackler, support by Hubbard to approve the hiring of Tony Church, Middle School social studies teacher. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

3. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Fackler to approve the hiring of Jason Hahn, High School math teacher. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 4. MOTION by LaPratt, support by Van Wormer to approve the hiring of Ashley Koch for Title 1 at Central Elementary. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 5. MOTION by Fackler, support by LaPratt to approve the hiring of Sundae Peterson for Kindergarten at Central Elementary. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
 6. Mike Richards will be our part time band instructor hired through PCMI.
- M. Student Issues: none
- N. Operational Issues: none
- O. Public Participation:
1. Dwight Robinson had comments regarding personnel issues and his personnel file. Dwight was asked to move 3rd shift and was given 2 different reasons and was given a .30 cent raise to do so even though the school is financially struggling.
 2. Theron Nesbitt had great news about the upcoming robotics season for both the middle school and high school. Both teams have applied for grants and have local sponsorship. The High School Robotics team presented each of the board members with a mug from their current fundraiser.
 3. Ann Auernhamer had comments that there were no grievances based on class size at the beginning of the school year.
- P. Superintendent's Comments:
1. Palmer said the school year is off to a great start. He mentioned that special ed. Student numbers are on the rise. The fire alarm system in the high school is installed, working and inspected.
- Q. Administrative Comments:
1. Marcy had comments about how well the elementary open house went.
 2. Steve Wilkinson had comments that the new school busses are here and so is the new van. There were no major first day issues for bussing.
- R. Board Member Comments:
1. Palmer had discussion about a possible meeting needed for the survey.
 2. Van Wormer and others thanked Steve Wilkinson for the year-end report for bussing.
- S. Closed Session: none
- T. Dates to Remember:
- U. Next Regular or Special Meeting:
October 13th Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- V. Adjournment:
1. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to adjourn at 7:30pm.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date 10-13-15

Signature Russ Hubbard
Board of Education Secretary