

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

\*Pending Board Approval

Date: October 13, 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 6:29pm.
  
- B. Roll Call:
  - 1. Members Present: LaPratt, Baase, Fackler, Van Wormer, Hubbard, Guile, Middlin
  - 2. Members Absent: none
  - 3. Others Present: Pierce, Nesbitt, Marcy, Kiss, Fabbro
  
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
  - 1. Under F. Spotlight of the Month, add 1. Recent graduates from the HS and PWL
  - 2. Under G. Approval of Minutes and Corrections, add 2. Minutes from Oct. 6 Special Meeting
  - 3. Under L. Personnel Issues, remove 2. Hiring of Ashley Koch
  - 4. Under L. Personnel Issues, remove 3. Hiring of Sundae Peterson
  - 5. MOTION by Guile, support by Hubbard to approve the agenda with changes.  
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  
- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances:
  - 1. Randy Middlin introduced Gene Pierce as the interim Superintendent
  
- F. Spotlight of the Month:
  - 1. Jason Kiss recognized Josh Gibisas for completing requirements to graduate.
  - 2. Chuck Fabbro recognized Isaac Greaves for completing requirements to graduate.
  
- G. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
  - 1. MOTION by Baase, support by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  - 2. MOTION by Guile, support by Fackler to approve the minutes from the October 6, Special Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  - 3. MOTION by Guile, support by Van Wormer to approve the minutes from the October 6, Special Meeting Closed session as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  
- H. Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports:
  - 1. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Baase 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 is meeting with the survey company to review the results of the phone survey and discuss the financial situation that has been publically reported to see what effect that has on the results.
- J. Curriculum Issues:
  - 1. Mr. Kiss made comments regarding the new equipment in the old metal shop and how the students are putting it to good use. Board members were presented glasses etched with the school "V" and the board members name. Kiss also had comments about the good work teachers are putting in during their time in the TCC. Mentoring class for students has been successful so far and would like to celebrate the academic achievements our students have made.
  - 2. Mr. Marcy reported that an MDE coach will be present in his building on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- K. Bylaws and Policy Issues: none
- L. Personnel Issues:
  - 1. MOTION by Guile, support by Hubbard for the ratification of the VEA Support Staff Union contract and to open contract for financial discussions again at the end of the 2016 school year. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- M. Student Issues:
  - 1. Mrs. Piazza gave a presentation for Fine Arts Trip to Philadelphia, PA from May 17-21, 2016. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Baase to allow the Fine Arts program to travel to Philadelphia, PA as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- N. Operational Issues:
  - 1. Middlin explained to the audience the financial situation of the school and how the MEP company is contracted. Discussion included why we owe \$954,000 to MDE for lost FTE.
  - 2. Gene Pierce gave positive comments about his walk-thru of the buildings and the engagement of students in the classroom.
- O. Public Participation:
  - 1. Robert McKay thanked the board for the good info and communication recently.
  - 2. Dan Atkins asked if VPS will continue business with MEPs. Middlin responded saying there was a 60 day time frame.
  - 3. Gary Hasmer asked, "What is Plan B?"
  - 4. Unknown audience member asked if there are other schools associated with MEP.
- P. Superintendent's Comments: none
- Q. Administrative Comments:
  - 1. Kiss had comments about band getting 1's at their recent competition. He commended the teaching and support staff for remaining positive during the recent news. He also added homecoming as a date to remember.
  - 2. Marcy talked about the schools fall fundraiser to raise money for classroom instruction. Walk-a-thon to be held October 23 and Mrs. Inglis was doing all the planning.

3. Fabbro made mention of Coach Kiss being the mLive coach of the week. Fabbro also said his numbers for count day were up at 161 students.

R. Board Member Comments:

1. Hubbard had positive comments regarding the football team when they played at USA and the team not giving up.
2. Middlin said community members have contacted him with support during this financial crisis.
3. Van Wormer reminded the board members of the upcoming Fall dinner at the Tuscola ISD on Oct. 28.

S. Closed Session: none

T. Dates to Remember:

October 15 – Homecoming Parade @ 6:30pm followed by powder puff football and bonfire

October 16 – Homecoming against Bad Axe @ 7:00pm

October 30 - Half day for students/Teachers professional development in afternoon

October 31 – Halloween

November 11 – Central Elementary Veterans Day events

November 12 – Trivia Night

U. Next Regular or Special Meeting:

November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium

V. Adjournment:

1. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Fackler to adjourn at 7:18pm.  
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date 11-10-2015

Signature Russ Hubbard  
Board of Education Secretary