

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

\*Pending Board Approval

Date: December 8, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Place: Auditorium

- A. Call of order: The regular meeting of the Board was called to order by President Randy Middlin at 6:30pm
- B. Roll Call:
  - 1. Members Present: Fackler, Baase, Van Wormer, Hubbard, Guile, Middlin
  - 2. Members Absent: LaPratt
  - 3. Others Present: Pierce, Nesbitt, Kiss, Marcy, Makas, Legue, Peplinski
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
  - 1. Middlin asked that under F recognition of the varsity football team be recognized and under L the word termination be changed to resignation.
  - 2. MOTION by Guile, support by Hubbard to approve the agenda with changes as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances:
- F. Spotlight of the Month:
  - 1. Athletic Director Andrea Legue recognized the varsity football team on their Greater Thumb West Conference championship. Legue also had comments regarding all of the new records set this year and individual player awards. Legue also pointed out that Jason Kiss was awarded football coach of the year for the region.
- G. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
  - 1. MOTION by Fackler, support by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  - 2. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Guile to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Special Meeting and 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 the monthly payroll expenses as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  - 2. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Guile to approve the monthly general fund expenditures as presented. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- I. Financial Issues:
  - 1. Cynthia Banach of Banach, Banach & Cassidy gave a report via Skype of the results from the bond phone survey. Discussion followed.
  - 2. Chip Hendrick or RC Hendricks reminded the board to make use of the selected architect in getting word out to the people of Vassar about the bond proposal.
- J. Curriculum Issues:
  - 1. Kiss had a priority school update and mentioned the Peris Report data that is being collected and submitted. Kiss mentioned the expanding efforts for parent involvement. Middle and High Schools are creating goals based on our recent NWEA scores.
  - 2. Marcy had a focus school update and mentioned the building is working on getting a focus school coach and that things are going well. Marcy commented that the focus school diagnostics report was submitted and accepted.

- K. Bylaws and Policy Issues:
1. Pierce presented the board members with updated board policies presented to us by NEOLA. This was the first reading.
- L. Personnel Issues:
1. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Van Wormer to accept the resignation of Chris Baldwin, High School Special Education Teacher. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
  2. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Guile to accept the resignation of Lynne Thompson, High School Language Arts Teacher. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- M. Student Issues: none
- N. Operational Issues: none
- O. Public Participation:
1. Dan Surgent had comments about the senior brunch and would like to see Santa there. Surgent also commented that he would be willing to contact parents along his bus route to inform them about the bond on his own time and expense and that he believes other bus drivers would do the same.
  2. David Atkins asked that the letter on file that he not be allowed on school grounds be removed from record. Atkins also asked the board to give the administrative secretary a civil service test.
- P. Superintendent's Comments:
1. Pierce provided the board with a typed report. Highlights included:
    - a) VPS assistance with RiverFest
    - b) Civil Rights Audit Documentation
    - c) Administration Meetings being held twice a month
    - d) NEOLA board policy update
    - e) Website transparency page approved
    - f) Shrek the Musical
    - g) Jason Kiss regional coach of the year
    - h) Travis Mills fundraiser
    - i) MS Robotics team placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 40 teams
- Q. Administrative Comments:
1. Kiss had comments regarding the senior citizens brunch and that the choir and band would perform along with demos by robotics teams. The NHS Veterans Recognition dinner had plaques made by wood shop and made over \$100. Kiss presented a TRIG grant plaque that was created by our students. Test prep and data review happening in our TCC for the betterment of curriculum.
  2. Marcy gave acknowledgement to Rotary club for \$500 so that every student can get a book from Santa. The new math series has manipulatives that are expensive but Mrs. Goodell contacted a casino and was given 425 packs of playing cards so that every student can make the math manipulative. 17 families have been adopted for the holidays and the school is working with the catholic church of Frankenmuth. Things are changing in the RTC program and there is a student VIP program now.
  3. Legue wanted to thank the VAA for the work they do and that new apparel is available to purchase. Travis Mills will be at Barnes & Noble Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> for a book signing and book fair. Proceeds from the book fair will benefit the school.
- R. Board Member Comments:
1. Hubbard had comments about the AdvancEd Accreditation program and would like to discuss it next month at the board meeting.
  2. Fackler had comments regarding seniors walking in the building in the evening and that added signage should be added especially regarding the bond issues.
  3. Van Wormer had comments about the fence poles that were replaced. Pierce will discuss it at the Administration meeting.

- S. Closed Session:
1. MOTION by Guile, support by Hubbard to go into closed session for student expulsion hearing at 8:11pm. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- T. Open Session:
1. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Van Wormer to go into open session at 8:34pm for action to be taken. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Yes, Middlin-Yes. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- U. Action Taken:
1. Resolution read aloud. MOTION by Hubbard, support by Fackler to approve the expulsion resolution as read. ROLL CALL VOTE – Fackler-Yes, Baase-Yes, Van Wormer-Yes, Hubbard-Yes, Guile-Abstain, Middlin-Yes. MOTION CARRIED (5-Yes, 1-Abstain). Guile abstained from the vote because he is head of law enforcement and is involved in the investigation.
- V. Other:
1. Fackler had comments regarding the first reading of the updated policies presented tonight and asked if legal counsel was involved. Pierce commented that they were just updates to wording and that legal counsel did not need to be involved in updates.
- W. Dates to Remember:
- December 21: Choir concert at 7:30pm in the Auditorium  
December 22: Christmas Break begins at 3:30pm  
January 4: School resumes
- X. Next Regular or Special Meeting:
- January 12<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting @ 6:00 in the Auditorium  
January 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Y. Adjournment:
1. MOTION by Van Wormer, support by Fackler to adjourn at 8:42pm. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date 1-12-2016

Signature Russ Hubbard  
Board of Education Secretary