

Minutes for Board of Education Meeting for Vassar Public Schools

Date: November 14, 2017

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

Place: High School Room 201

- A. Call of order: The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice President Ben Guile.
- B. Roll Call:
 1. Members Present: Koch, Atwood, Hubbard, Guile, Ward
 2. Members Absent: Middlin, LaPratt
 3. Others Present: Blackwell, Strauss, Kiss, Nesbitt, Riccobono, Fabbro
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
 1. **MOTION** by Ward, supported by Hubbard to approve the minutes with the addition of P.3. Ann Auernhamer to discuss the teachers' tentative agreement. **MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)**
- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances:
- F. Spotlight of the Month:
 1. Ms. Blackwell & Mrs. Riccobono recognized Becky Rau as the SUPER Employee of the Month.
 2. Mr. Fabbro recognized Justin Wilson for completion of coursework to graduate.
 3. Mr. Kiss recognized Maria Bertoia for the Future Medical Physicians & Scientists Summit.
- G. Consent Agenda:
 1. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
 - Minutes from the October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - Minutes from the October 10, 2017 Closed Session
 - Minutes from the October 24, 2017 Special Meeting
 - Minutes from the October 24, 2017 Closed Session
 2. Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports:
 - General Fund disbursements
 - General Ledger Summary Comparison Reports - General Fund and Food Service
 - Internal Fund Balance Sheet
 - Committee Reports**MOTION** by Koch, supported by Ward to approve as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)**
- H. Student Representative Report
 1. Kyle Walker discussed how the student body is developing bylaws and a mission statement. The group also discussed the dress code at the VIP meeting.
- I. Financial Issues:

J. Curriculum Issues:

1. MOTION by Hubbard, supported by Koch to approve the adoption of the social studies textbooks funded by 31A at-risk presented by Dawn Torrez. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

K. Bylaws and Policy Issues:

1. NEOLA - 1st Reading

L. Personnel Issues:

M. Student Issues:

1. MOTION by Koch, supported by Ward to approve the proposed overnight trip presented by Mr. Hahn for the baseball team to Pigeon Forge over spring break. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

N. Operational Issues:

1. Chip Hendricks discussed an update on the bleachers and bids. The decision was tabled for a future meeting.

O. Public Participation:

1. Emilee Sackman expressed her concern with the basketball games being moved to Central Elementary Schools' gym instead of being played at the high school. They worked hard on getting the locker rooms updated, and they are not going to be able to use them with season with the bleacher situation.
2. Susan Campbell discussed bleacher assessment from 2014 and stated they were not condemned. Why were the bleachers not repaired and fixed at that time according to the quote in the assessment?
3. David Atkins discussed the bleacher assessment from 2016 and there was no action taken for repair.
4. Linda Inglis announced she is finally going to graduate from school by way of retirement. She wishes the school well.
5. Dan Grimshaw discussed the bleacher assessments and accountability.
6. Tom Hess questioned if a portion of the bleachers could be used. He requested the board members re-evaluate the quote as well as re-assess the bleacher replacement.
7. Dean Campbell said it was published as a lie that the bleachers were condemned.

P. Superintendent's Comments:

1. Ms. Blackwell discussed the Balanced Calendar Grant opportunity. The decision was tabled until the November 28th meeting.
2. Ms. Blackwell announced Strategic Planning Meetings were going to take place January 17, 24, 31 & February 7 from 5 PM - 8 PM at Bullard Sanford Library.
3. Ann Auernhamer addressed the Board on the teacher TA.

Q. Administrative Comments:

1. Mr. Fabbro - none
2. Mr. Kiss - none
3. Mrs. Strauss - none
4. Mr. Germain - none
5. Mrs. Riccobono - none
6. Mr. Nesbitt - none

7. Mr. Tausch discussed the fix at Townsend North
8. Mr. Wilkinson discussed the bus inspections and one new sub driver.

R. Board Member Comments:

1. Koch acknowledged Central Elementary for hosting a great Veterans Day on Friday.

S. Closed Session:

1. **MOTION** by Koch, supported by Ward to go into closed session at 8:03 pm to discuss the tentative agreement of the teacher contracts.

ROLL CALL:

Guile - yes, Middlin - absent, Hubbard - yes, LaPratt - absent, Atwood - yes, Koch - yes, Ward - yes. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. **MOTION** by Koch, supported by Ward to return to open session at 8:23 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Guile - yes, Middlin - absent, Hubbard - yes, LaPratt - absent, Atwood - yes, Koch - yes, Ward - yes. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

3. **Action Taken**

ROLL CALL to ratify the teacher contracts:

Guile - yes, Middlin - absent, Hubbard - yes, LaPratt - absent, Atwood - yes, Koch - yes, Ward - yes. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

T. Dates to Remember:


Nov 14	Walk to School Day
Nov 15	Report Cards for MS/HS Students Sent Home FREE Community Adult Computer Class 6:00-7:30 PM HS Media Center After School Cooking Class - Corn Dog Muffins - Life Skills Lab
Nov 17 & 18	Fall Musical "The Little Mermaid" 7:30 PM HS Auditorium
Nov 18	Suicide Prevention & Information-The Charmont in Cass City 11-1:30 PM
Nov 20	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30-9:00 PM
Nov 20	After School Cooking Class - Turkey Rolls, Baked Potato, Pumpkin Dump Cake - Life Skills Lab
Nov 21	½ Day of School Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 PM
Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 25	Small Business Saturday
Nov 27	VIPS Parent Meeting - 6:30 PM in Room 201; ALL 6-12th parents Safe Routes to School Meeting - 7:30 PM in Room 201; ALL welcome
Nov 29	After School Cooking Class - Chicken & Dumplings - Life Skills Lab
Dec 2	Holly Jolly Festival & Rotary Tree of Lights
Jan 17	Strategic Planning Process Meeting; Bullard Sanford Library; 5 PM - 8 PM
Jan 24	Strategic Planning Process Meeting; Bullard Sanford Library; 5 PM - 8 PM
Jan 31	Strategic Planning Process Meeting; Bullard Sanford Library; 5 PM - 8 PM
Feb 7	Strategic Planning Process Meeting; Bullard Sanford Library; 5 PM - 8 PM

U. Next Regular or Special Meeting:

Nov 14	Board of Ed Regular Meeting	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm
Nov 28	Board of Ed Education Session	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm
Dec 12	Board of Ed Regular Meeting	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm
Dec 19	Board of Ed Education Session	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm

V. Adjournment:

1. **MOTION** by Koch, supported by Ward to adjourn at 8:25 pm. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date: 12/12/17 Signature: 
Board of Education Secretary