

Minutes for Board of Education Meeting for Vassar Public Schools

Date: October 10, 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 President Randy Middlin.
- B. Roll Call:
 1. Members Present: Guile, Middlin, Hubbard, LaPratt, Atwood
 2. Members Absent: Ward, Koch
 3. Others Present: Blackwell, Kiss, Strauss, Germain, Riccobono, Fabbro, Tausch, Wilkinson, Nesbitt
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda: Additions or Deletions to Agenda:
 1. **MOTION** by Guile, supported by Hubbard to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED (unanimous).**
- E. Board Recognition and Remembrances:
- F. Spotlight of the Month:
 1. Ms. Blackwell & Mr. Wilkinson recognized Marguerite Weiss as the SUPER Employee of the Month.
 2. Ms. Blackwell recognized Mike Zender & Amy Smock with Bavarian Bleachers for the bleacher donation.
 3. Ms. Blackwell recognized Adam Barden & True Value for borrowing chairs for the athletic seasons.
- G. Consent Agenda:
 1. Approval of Minutes and Corrections:
 - Minutes from the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - Minutes from the September 12, 2017 Closed Session
 - Minutes from the September 26, 2017 Special Meeting
 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 LaPratt, supported by Hubbard to approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED (unanimous).
- H. Student Representative Report
 1. Kyle Walker presented an update on the student body.

I. Financial Issues:

1. **MOTION** by Guile, supported by Hubbard to approve the audit report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimous).

J. Curriculum Issues:

K. Bylaws and Policy Issues:

L. Personnel Issues:

1. **MOTION** by Guile, supported by Hubbard to approve the changing of the language of administrative contracts to give options for health insurance options. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimous).

M. Student Issues:

N. Operational Issues:

O. Public Participation:

1. Lisa Marsh addressed the dress code and how it is being implemented.
2. Robert McKay spoke about the dress code and provided an article to be reviewed by the board members along with the administration. He also discussed the school operating as a business and being able to realize who the customers and stakeholders are.
3. David Atkins discussed concern with some of the staff.

P. Superintendent's Comments:

1. Ms. Blackwell discussed rationale on the change of graduation location, time, date, and place.
2. Ms. Blackwell discussed the start of a bond survey. Middlin requested to meet with Ms. Blackwell.

Q. Administrative Comments:

1. Mr. Kiss - Started NWEA testing; new technology makes it more efficient; SIG coaches helping teachers
2. Mr. Fabbro - count day was Wednesday and PWL was up; 2 students graduated last week; next week 2 more students graduating Friday the 20th
3. Mrs. Riccobono - recently last staff meeting FIM;
4. Mrs. Strauss - updated the board on testing; college prep is going well
5. Mr. Nesbitt - technology is rolling out great; Buick Drive for raising 325 test drivers; \$6,500 in 4 hours; totally student-driven news updates; \$20,000 in grant money to build the production studio; every Friday; journalism and digital multimedia; 288 Chromebooks delivered last week; close to 1-to-1 in the HS building; 788 Chromebooks being used; 382 technology requests from the beginning of school
6. Mr. Germain - fall sports are wrapping up; figuring out options for seating for winter sports
7. Mr. Tausch - finishing projects on ball diamonds; assisted Gene with removing and replacing the A/C in the auditorium.
8. Mr. Wilkinson - Busing started really well; no subs at this time; all drivers have been doing their part to help cover and minimize

R. Board Member Comments:

1. None

S. Closed Session:

1. **MOTION** by Hubbard, supported by LaPratt to go into closed session at 7:44 pm to discuss the tentative agreement of the secretarial contract.
 ROLL CALL:
 Guile - yes, Middlin - yes, Hubbard - yes, LaPratt - yes, Atwood - yes, Koch - absent, Ward - absent. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
2. **MOTION** by Hubbard, supported by Guile to return to open session at 8:19 pm.
 ROLL CALL:
 Guile - yes, Middlin - yes, Hubbard - yes, LaPratt - yes, Atwood - yes, Koch - absent, Ward - absent. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
3. **MOTION** by Guile, supported by Atwood to accept the tentative agreement as presented.

T. Dates to Remember:

Oct 14	Pumpkin Roll; 2-7 PM
Oct 18	After School Cooking Class - contact Mrs. Scribner
Oct 18	FREE Community Adult Computer Class - Computer Basics - contact A. Legue
Oct 20	Fall HS Youth in Government Conference
Oct 25	After School Cooking Class - contact Mrs. Scribner
Oct 26	Picture Retakes - District Wide
Oct 27	Middle School Halloween Party - 5:30-7 pm; cost \$3.00
Oct 28	ACT Saturday Testing
Oct 30	VIPS Parent Meeting; 6:30 PM in Room 201
Oct 30	Safe Routes to School Meeting; 7:30 PM in Room 201
Oct 31	Student Half Day - Teacher PD in the PM
Nov 1	FREE Community Adult Cooking Class with Chef Bryan!
Nov 3	HS Career Field Trip
Nov 3	End of Marking Period 1
Nov 7	Middle School Trivia Night #5; 6-8; HS Cafeteria
Nov 10	Student Half Day - Teacher Work Time in the PM; report cards sent home
Nov 11	Deer Widow's Day; Beginning at Candyland Cones Music Boosters Apple Pie Making
Nov 14	Walk to School Day


U. Next Regular or Special Meeting:

Oct 10	Board of Ed Regular Meeting	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm
Oct 24	Board of Ed Education Session	High School Room 201	6:30-8:00 pm
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 Guile, supported by Atwood to adjourn at 8:19 pm. MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Date: 11/14/17

Signature: 
Board of Education Secretary