

**VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President K. Snyder at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the call to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: A. Deeter, K. Snyder, M. Kinney, M. Schweitzer, J. Arlt

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by A. Deeter, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5-0.

V. BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. Motion by A. Deeter, with support by M. Kinney, to acknowledge the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Motion by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$124,788.93. Motion carried, 5-0.

VI. PRESENTATION BY CRAIG CARMONEY OF INTEGRATED DESIGNS

Craig Carmoney reviewed the facilities assessment that was conducted. The report identified replacing Flooring throughout the building including bathrooms, kitchen, cafeteria, locker rooms, classrooms, corridors, computer lab, music room, gym entrance and office. It also recommended replacing metal siding on shop wall and bus garage, replacing windows/blinds (a film is available to that makes glass harder to break), new heating boilers, new water heater, Kitchen equipment, wood shop equipment and paving of gravel parking lot. Total estimated costs including contingencies, fees and costs are \$2,721,486. Discussion followed on areas identified and priority of urgency of those areas. Millage amount needed to cover repairs discussed. Suggestion made to aften parking lot opposed to paving and reduce the amount to seek from the voters. Craig recommended that the board set an amount tonight that they would like to see presented to the voters. A determination would also need to be made if the board wished to seek voter approval in November or a special Election.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

VIII. GOVERNANCE AND BOARD RELATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Board & Committee Reports

Facilities – Gym floor has been refurbished.

Finance – Consolidated application to secure Title funding has been completed. The State is finalizing their budget which will result in cuts to per pupil funding. This will affect the preschool, resulting in a loss of approximately \$3,000.00.

Athletics – Northern Lights Baseball League has been making improvements to the baseball field. They have requested use of the zero turn mower which was approved. They will be having a booth at the back to school open house.

Communications – Board members with terms expiring need to submit election paperwork by July 23.

Handbook – The adult education handbook and budget have been finalized. Enrollment meetings will be set up in August. Cell phone policy changed to prohibit students from having cell phones in the classroom.

2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Harwood reported that VAS has been designated as a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation. Students in the credit recovery program are making notable progress. Mr. Harwood reported on the meeting with the Great Lakes Center for the Arts to help secure musical instruments for the music program. Kiersten's Ride will provide a profession development session for staff on 1/20/25 and will also be presenting to the middle and high school students on February 11, 2025. Jen Cherwinski has been hired for the position with Communities in Schools position. She will be starting 8/5/24 and will be on site the week after.

IX. REGULAR MEETING / INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Hire Kari Gauthier-Parrett as Science teacher: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by J. Arlt, to hire Kari Gauthier-Parrett as the Science teacher. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Approve the student handbook for the 2024-2025 school year: It was recommended that cellular watches and/or any electronic devices not supplied by the school be added to banning cell phones in the classroom. Action on this item was tabled.

C. Approve applying for grant through the Michigan Arts & culture Council for musical instruments and field trips: Motion by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve applying for a grant through the Michigan Arts & Culture Council for musical instruments and field trips. Motion carried, 5-0.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ideas for school assemblies this year: Mr. Harwood would like to do an assembly once per month. Michigan Folktales and a magic show are already planned. It was suggested that Career Day focus should be on middle school and high school students .

2. School open house: This will be held on 8/27/2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3. Change date of August board meeting: In order to meet the deadline to submit wording on a bond Issue, the August meeting would have to be moved up. **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by A. Deeter, to change the August 14, 2024 board meeting to August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried, 4-1 (Schweitzer voted no).

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Deeter inquired about adjustments made for Title IX changes. Mr. Harwood will be attending training

on this in August and will forward Zoom recordings after his training. Communities in Schools position and PowerBook bags also mentioned.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Mary Kinney, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Debbie Whitman for Secretary Mary Kinney;