

**VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 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, N. Brasseur, K. Snyder, M. Kinney, M. Schweitzer

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by N. Brasseur, with support by A. Deeter, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5-0.

V. BUSINESS & FINANCE

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

B. Motion by N. Brasseur, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$68,977.99. Motion carried, 5-0.

VI. CODY FERRIER HOLOCAUST PRESENTATION

Mr. Ferrier reported on the student trip to the Zekelman Holocaust Museum noting the admission costs and transportation costs were covered by a grant.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Brasseur complimented Mr. Ferrier on his presentation.

VIII. GOVERNANCE AND BOARD RELATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Board & Committee Reports

Facilities – Mr. Harwood reported on the comprehensive test on the kitchen suspension System, new laminator acquisition that was obtained through the library grant, donation of 10 cubbies and installation in the Detention Room, and \$1000 grant from Meijer for playground enhancements.

Finance –We are currently at 57.53% of the original budget in revenues and at 53.51% in

expenditures.

Athletics – Two students are participating in spring sports with Wolverine.

Communications – Efforts have been made to enhance communication with parents.

GoGuardian has been implemented. Media recognition was made of the district's music program award. Progress reports for middle and high school students were distributed.

Handbook – No updates to report on.

School Improvement – Mr. Harwood reported on the Community in Schools grant. This position will help with attendance and parent involvement. We are looking at a late summer start for this position. SEL (social emotional learning) curriculum was also reported on. An incentive program funded through ARP II funds has been implemented to improve attendance. Career Day to be held 4/12/2024.

2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Harwood reported that a conflict resolution session was held to maintain a harmonious school environment. A family breakfast event was hosted at the school. The grant proposal for "Put Your Town on the Map!" has advance to the next round. A grant was received to advance our CS and CT curriculum. Guard Strong assembly will be held. The Snowshoe Hike was modified to a hike due to lack of snow.

3. Discussion Items

- A. Bus Supervisor : Dan Grimm, Transportation Supervisor of Wolverine Community School, encouraged VAS to have a Transportation Supervisor, as he felt it provides a safety umbrella for the district. He explained duties covered by the supervisor. He Proposed that he could fill this position for VAS, estimating it to take about 3 hours per week to check trip sheets, check sheets, passenger list and map stops, etc. He also stated that mapping the route at beginning of the year would require additional time.

IX. REGULAR MEETING / INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Thrun Law Policy Updates: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the Thrun Policy updates. Motion carried, 5-0.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Berdan reported that sixteen kids attended Homecoming on 3/2/24. The Junior Class will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on 3/19/24. Prom will be held 5/11/24 at Corwith Township Hall.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mary Kinney, Secretary