

**VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried, 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Schweitzer, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4-0.

V. BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. Motion by M. Kinney, with support by A. Deeter, to acknowledge the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Motion by A. Deeter, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,339.35. Motion carried, 4-0.

VI. AMY BURKE: COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL

A brief overview of the program, which will be present in 6 districts of northwest Michigan, was given. The site coordinator will work in partnership with the staff to build relationships with the students to empower them to stay in school and succeed in life. Some applications have been received for this position and the selected candidate will be trained in August and in place at VAS for the start of the school year.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Thorpe thanked Mr. Harwood for successfully submitting a grant to provide new elementary curriculum.

VIII. GOVERNANCE AND BOARD RELATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Board & Committee Reports

Facilities – A Correction was made to the pump settings in the HVAC settings. Convection oven needed to be repaired.

Finance – \$22,000 grant received from the Stronger Connections program. Also received \$35,000 from The Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency for the adult education program.

Athletics – Mr. Nelson held a volleyball clinic geared toward elementary, with 4 students participating.

Communications – The adult education program has received positive coverage by the news with over 20 individuals expressing a desire to participate.

Handbook – School of choice procedures will be streamlined, with open enrollment opened on August 1 with applications accepted through August 30.

School Improvement – Elementary math curriculum updated and ordered. Reading and Language Arts curriculum is being reviewed. Mr. Harwood explained the adult education program – how testing is done, curriculum online but an instructor is present to assist a student if needed. Plans are for twice weekly classes.

2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Harwood reported that new math books are being explored for secondary students and a Math competition if planned for May 15. Career Day was a success. Discussions are continuing with local businesses and organizations for educational and vocational program support. A business expo is planned for the fall. Upcoming events and activities for May and June were reported on.

Brian Pearson, MASB facilitator, reported that the Superintendent's evaluation was completed with Mr. Harwood receiving a 3.28 rating out of 4.00. Mr. Pearson then reviewed the evaluation. **Motion** by M. Schweitzer, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation. Motion carried, 4-0.

VIII. REGULAR MEETING / INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Bus Supervisor Position: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve Dan Grim as the part-time Bus Supervisor at Vanderbilt Area School. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. COPESD 2024-2025 Budget Resolution: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the COPESD 2024-2025 Budget Resolution. Motion carried, 4-0.

D. Neil Brasseur Resignation: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the resignation of Board member Neil Brasseur. Motion carried, 4-0.

IX. ROBOTICS PRESENTATION BY ASHLEY WHEELOCK

Ms. Wheelock reviewed the season, funding received, introduced team member Edward, and acknowledged the assistance from the Boyne City Robotics Team members who were also present.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Adult Education – This topic was covered earlier during Committee Reports.

2. R & R Contract – This contract expires at the end of June. The proposed contract, emailed today, is a 2 year contract, with no increase from the current rate (\$4,100.00/month). This supplies 2 people for 20 hours per week. Summer cleaning was also outlined in the contract. This will be an action item next month.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments offered.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Mary Kinney, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Debbie Whitman for Secretary Mary Kinney;