

**VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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 September 13, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments offered.

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 N. Brasseur, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$82,208.76. Motion carried, 5-0.

VI. GOVERNANCE AND BOARD RELATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Board Committee Reports/Requests for Information

Facilities – We now have access to a computerized system to monitor heating/cooling. Door lock issues have been resolved. Septic tank to be serviced on October 16.

Finance – Current General Fund balance is \$166,730.13 with State and Federal revenues expected by the end of October. Expended \$3,073.49 in start up supplies for new cleaning company. Chromebooks purchased for middle and high school which were covered by the Library grant.

Athletics –Mr. Nelson attended the MHDSAA Inservice . Volleyball team victories

highlighted. Exploring powerlifting and bowling as winter sports and seeking a coach to lead a powerlifting team. Ashley Wheelock will be coaching the Robotics Team.
Communications: Herald Times to cover Tree Campus K-12 award to VAS. Planting and Pinecone Day to be held on 10/23/23.
Handbook – No updates to report on.
School Improvement – Staff training modules presented, late start Mondays update given.

B. Administrative

Mr. Harwood reviewed grants awarded and applied for, MDE visit on 11/27/23, Tree Campus Recognition, \$13,102 received from SET SEG for last year's losses during the power outage, CPI Training, RISE Student Coalition Meeting, student count at 129 and upcoming events highlighted.

C. Discussion items

Stephen Seeley, Pellston Schools Superintendent, spoke on the grant they received to purchase four electric buses and their experience with them so far, stating it has been a positive experience so far. He estimates that they will realize about a \$60,000.00 per year. This grant did require that a non-electric bus be decommissioned for each electric bus obtained.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Berdan reported that the Class of 2025 will be selling Boo Grams and that the Class of 2026 will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on 10/26/23.

VIII. INFORMATION AND BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Ashley Wheelock signing bonus: This bonus will be \$2,500 at the conclusion of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year and at the conclusion of the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. If she does not return to VAS for the 2024-2025 school year, she will pay the district back \$2,500.00. **Motion** by N. Brasseur, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the signing bonus for Ashley Wheelock. Motion carried, 5-0. It was noted that parapro Jodie Berndadyn quit yesterday. She did not submit a letter of resignation, just noted "I quit" on time card.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Rickard questioned if locker rooms were gender specific and if private changing areas were available.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mary Kinney, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Debbie Whitman for Secretary Mary Kinney;