

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools  
April 12, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room.

**Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

Sue Gates, Kathy Van Steenhuyse, Tom Burke, Rob Levis, Jake Fish, Becky Williams, Mike Timmermans, Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent, and Brenda Barkdoll, Board Secretary/Treasurer were present.

**Receive Visitors/Public Comments**

There were no visitors or public comments.

**Administrative Reports**

Matt Kingsbury shared information on Statewide Assessments, ACT results, post prom/prom/Grand March, activities, and PBIS strategies.

Shelly Petersen shared information on Conditions of Learning Survey, ISAP tests, summer school, band lessons, track meets, and band/choir concerts.

Tony Islas shared information on ISAP tests and attendance.

Kyle Reeves shared information on parent/teacher conferences, book fair, ISAP testing, long-term substitute doing an excellent job, PBIS work, spring concerts, and summer school.

Ryan Davis shared information on accident across street, next year planning, SOC Program and Jump Rope for Heart.

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Koeppen reported on Mental Health and Disabilities grant, VISTA Americorp Program, Community Wellness/Recreation Center, legislative updates, open enrollment applications, schedule and rescheduling board meeting for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Reports/Request**

Kathy Van Steenhuyse and Sue Gates participated in the Transportation Department meeting. Rob Levis is participating in the Wellness Center Program.

**General Business of the Board**

Consent Items

**1052.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Fish to accept the consent items as presented with the delay of the photography package. Motion carried 7/0.

Presentation from Vanessa West of Therapeutic Innovations

Vanessa shared details of a plan to have a therapist based inside the schools to serve children and staff.

Approve 2021 Graduating Class List and Diplomas

**1053.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Timmermans to approve the list of Vinton-Shellsburg's 2021 graduates as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Approved Negotiation Agreement with VSEA

**1054.** It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Williams to approve the agreement with the VSEA for a three-year contract as presented, including the \$15 insurance stipend increase. Motion carried 6/0 with Levis abstaining.

Approve 2021-22 Teacher Staffing Plan and Co-Curricular Staffing Plan

**1055.** It was moved by Williams and seconded by Gates to approve staffing plan as presented with the understanding there may be some shifts in final assignments. Motion carried 7/0.

Insurance Committee Recommendations

Kyle Koeppen shared information on health insurance from the Insurance Committee.

Partnership with Acumen Advisors for Health Insurance

**1056.** It was moved by Burke and seconded by Gates to approve Acumen Advisors as the district's health insurance broker and Prime Benefits to act as our third-party administrator. Motion carried 7/0.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2021-22 Budget and Budget Amendment for the 2020-2021

The board opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. There were no public comments. The board closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Approve 2021-22 Budget and Budget Amendment for the 2020-2021

**1057.** It was moved by Timmermans and seconded by Burke to adopt the 2021-22 budget and the 2020-21 budget amendment as published. Motion carried 7/0 on a roll call vote.

Masters Facilities Planning – Architecture Firm Selection

**1058.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Fish to enter into agreement with OPN for work to be completed on the building assessments and facilities master planning to include a final report to provide photo documentation, conceptual studies, phasing options, and associated cost estimates. Motion carried 7/0.

Second Reading of Board Policy 600 Series

**1059.** It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Timmermans to conduct the second and final reading of the Board Policy 600 Series. Motion carried 7/0.

Proclamation for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Mary 3-7, 2021 and Iowa School Board Recognition Month.

President Levis introduced the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Proclamation and Superintendent Koeppen introduced the School Board Recognition Week Proclamation.

**1060.** It was moved by Timmermans and seconded by Burke to accept the Proclamation for Teacher and Staff Appreciation and Iowa School Board Recognition Month. Motion carried 7/0.

**Audience comments on any of the preceding items**

There were no audience comments on any of the preceding items.

**Correspondence Items**

There were no correspondence items.

**Move into Exempt Session to Discuss Strategies as Allowed by Iowa Code 20.9**

**1061.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Timmermans to move into exempt session at 7:06 p.m. to finalize support staff wage plan and director/administrator salary plan as allowed by Iowa Code 20.9 Motion carried 7/0 on a roll call vote.

By consensus, the board moved from closed session to open session at 8:12 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Rob Levis, President

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Brenda Barkdoll, Secretary