

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools  
December 21, 2020**

**Call to Order**

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

**Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

Rob Levis, Sue Gates, Kathy Van Steenhuyse, Jake Fish, Becky Williams, Tom Burke by virtual and left at 7:15, Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent, and Brenda Barkdoll, Board Secretary/Treasurer were present with Mike Timmermans absent.

**Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**Administrator Reports**

Tony Islas shared they have their first graduate at West Campus this year.  
Shelly Petersen shared students' progress, basketball season, and wrestling meets.  
Matt Kingsbury, Ryan Davis and Kyle Reeves turned in a written report.

**Superintendent Reports**

Superintendent Koeppen reported on bus barn construction, website update, meeting schedule, COVID update, ISFLC conference, solar update, open enrollment applications, and the calendar.

**Board Reports/Requests**

Director Gates, Van Steenhuyse and Williams shared information from their experience in attending the Iowa School Board Association convention held in November. Director Van Steenhuyse was the delegate for the school district, participated in the delegate assembly and was the voting member.

Director Burke shared information from attending the calendar committee meeting.

President Levis thanked the administrators and staff for their hard work in keeping students in school. He also praised the students and staff for doing the right things everyday to make attending school possible during this time.

**General Business of the Board**

Consent Items

**1021.** It was moved by Williams and seconded by Gates to accept the consent items as presented including the Budget and Finance agenda item as an action item. Motion carried 6/0.

Approve Appointed Committee Assignments

**1022.** It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Fish to approve the committee assignments as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Early Retirement

**1023.** It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Gates to present the following resolution including age at 55, 15 years of service, and a stipend of 35% of their last year's regular salary plus a payment of \$60 per day for certified and \$40 per day for support staff for unused sick leave for all certified staff, non-certified staff, and/or administrative/directors and move for its adoption. Motion carried 6/0.

Resolution to enter into a Government Risk Pool for Purchase of Natural Gas

**1024.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Williams to approve the district to enter the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Agreement to purchase our natural gas. Motion carried 6/0.

Review and Accept the 2019-20 Audit Report

**1025.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Fish to accept the auditors' report for fiscal year 2020. Motion carried 6/0.

Budget and Finance

**1026.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to approve the line-item budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Motion carried 6/0.

Fuel Storage Tank Removal Grant Application

**1028.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Fish to direct Director Kakac and Director Carolus to complete the DNR grant application and seek cost estimates for the removal of the underground storage tank. Motion carried 6/0.

Second and Final Reading for Board Policy 300 Series

**1029.** It was moved by Williams and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to conduct the second and final readings on board policy 300 series. Motion carried 5/0.

Move into Closed Session for Student Discipline as Allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e)

**1030.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Gates to enter into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e) at 7:36 p.m. to discuss a student discipline. Motion carried 5/0 by a roll call vote.

By consensus, the board moved from closed session to open session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion on Student Discipline

**1032.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Williams to approve the consent agreement concerning student A. Motion carried 5/0 on a roll call vote.

**Audience Comments on any of the Preceding Items**

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

**Correspondence Items**

- Letter from Farnsworth – bus barn update
- School Board meeting schedule

**Adjournment**

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Rob Levis, President

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Brenda Barkdoll, Secretary