

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
February 18, 2019**

Call to Order

Vice President Gates called the regular meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center.

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Board members Sue Gates, Kathy Van Steenhuyse, Jason Hicok, Brenda Bartz (left at 6:30 p.m.), Kyle Schminke, Rob Levis (in at 5:19 p.m.), along with Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent, and Karrie Bartling, Assistant Board Secretary were present with the exception of Mike Timmermans and Business Manager, Brenda Barkdoll.

Audience Comments

There are no visitor/audience comments.

Administrator Reports

Jim Murray and Title I teachers gave an overview of the Title I program.

Shelly Petersen shared that 8th graders were selected for NAEP testing.

Ryan Davis shared the work he is doing with others to solicit grants and the Shellsburg community finished the Shellsburg baseball fence installation.

Matt Kingsbury shared information on ACT and other testing scheduled for high school students.

Tony Islas shared an update on attendance.

Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Hainstock reported on Open Enrollment requests, negotiations, land transaction, the calendar and confirmed the next board meeting March 11th at the high school starting 6 p.m.

Board Reports/Requests

There were no board reports/requests at this time.

General Business of the Board

Consent Items

814. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Bartz to accept the consent items as presented with the exception of the bus bids. Motion carried 6/0.

815. It was moved by Schminke and seconded by Bartz to accept the bid from School Bus Sales for the 2020 Blue Bird bus although no bid met all the specifications. Motion carried 4/2 with Rob Levis and Kathy Van Steenhuyse voting no.

Early Retirement Program

816. It was moved by Schminke and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to accept applications to participate in the district's early retirement program and thank them on behalf of the Board of Education for 215 years of service to our students and the district with the understanding that all

resignations will be effective on June 30 with the exception of Les Bearbower's whose resignation will be effective December 31, 2019. Motion carried 6/0.

Calendar Adjustment Recommendation

817. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Schminke to approve the calendar adjustments for 2018-19 as recommended. Motion carried 5/0.

2019-2020 Calendar

The board reviewed survey results from parents/community and our staff. Based on the input, the Calendar Committee will create a calendar for the board to review.

High School Course Registration Guide

818. It was moved by Hicok and seconded by Schminke to approve the high school course registration guide for 2019-20 and graduation requirements. Motion carried 5/0.

Budget and Finance

As preliminary work is done on the 2019-20 budget, the board considered the option to continue pre-paying our bonds. Potentially, it would save the taxpayers up to \$120,000 in interest over the life of the bonds. The board asked the preliminary work include the option of prepaying on bonds.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Hainstock gave an update on legislative information.

Audience comments on any of the preceding items

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

Correspondence Items/Reports

- Letter to high school parents regarding the ACT testing schedule.
- Bus Bid Breakdown

Adjournment

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Rob Levis, President

Karrie Bartling, Assistant Secretary