

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
January 18, 2021**

Call to Order

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Tilford Elementary Media Center.

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

Administrator Reports

Matt Kingsbury shared first semester ended and 2nd semester started, academics on next board meeting, scheduling, courses, assessment testing, and activities.

Ryan Davis shared staff professional development, Grant Wood AEA are great resources and support, registration, preschool and kindergarten roundup, 5th grade ski field trip, and shared a positive email from parent regarding ski trip.

Kyle Reeves shared professional development, Grant Wood AEA resources and support, focusing on reteaching where they left off, assessment testing and weather has been great for recess.

Shelly Petersen shared activities, professional development, virtual snow day, finished up first semester, and awards.

Administrators also provided written reports.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Koeppen reported on early retirement, Calendar Committee, support staff wage salary, district wide needs assessment, Wellness Center partnership, solar planning, federal stimulus funds, COVID update, open enrollment requests, calendar, and school vaccines.

Board Reports/Requests

Director Gates had the opportunity to serve on the Christmas luncheon at the high school and observed all the decorations in the classrooms.

Director Burke shared information from attending the calendar committee and the swim meet.

President Levis shared information from attending the calendar committee, and the Parks & Recreating meeting regarding the plans for new building.

General Business of the Board

Consent Items

1033. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Williams to accept the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Budget and Finance

The board set parameters for the 2021-2022 budget.

2020-21 At-Risk Dropout Prevention Resolution

1034. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Timmermans to offer the recommended resolution concerning the 2021-22 at-risk and dropout prevention recommendation in the amount of \$311,072 and move for its adoption. Motion carried 7/0 on a roll call vote.

Employee Leave Related to Coronavirus

1035. It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Fish to allow the Superintendent to approve any given leave to cover employees who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic, including paid administrative leave if necessary. Motion carried 7/0.

First Reading of updates to Miscellaneous Board Policies

The second and final reading will be done next month.

Appoint New Depository for 2020-2021

1036. It was moved by Fish and seconded by Gates to appoint Cedar Valley Bank & Trust checking as a financial depository for 2020-21. 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/Reports

- Activities Attendance Policy
- Letters from VMEU regarding the solar project planning
- IASB Budget Decision Points for Iowa School Board Members
- IASB Setting School Budget Parameters
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER II) guidance

Closed Session to Evaluate the Professional Competency of an Individual as Allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(I)(i).

1037. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to move into closed session as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5 to evaluate the competency of an individual and as requested by that individual at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried 7/0 on a roll call vote.

By consensus, the board moved from closed session to open session at 9:14 p.m.

Adjournment

President Levis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Rob Levis, Vice President

Brenda Barkdoll, Secretary