

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools  
March 9, 2020**

**Call to Order**

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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, Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent, and Brenda Barkdoll, Board Secretary/Treasurer were present with the exception of Mike Timmermans

**Receive Visitor/Audience Comments**

Teresa Meyer, president of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District Foundation shared an overview of the year's work.

Melissa Schwan asked the board to approve the use of the facilities during the Iowa Ride event in July.

Angie Plasencia addressed the board concerning an open enrollment out request for the remainder of this year for her daughter, Lillian.

Andrea and Ryan Grimm addressed the board to request the district offer an activity shuttle.

Dawn Driscoll shared she is running for a senate position and is visiting the surrounding schools in the area and is from Williamsburg. She would like to gather information to take with her.

Kelly Steffen and Le Cox asked the board to approve a trip to the Veteran's Museum in Illinois.

**Administrator Reports**

Tony Islas shared attendance information.

Matt Kingsbury shared that ISAP testing is scheduled for March 24-27, spring activities are starting, cabaret concert is this Saturday night, and Ag is participating in districts.

Other administrators provided written updates.

**Superintendent Reports**

Superintendent Hainstock reported on student data, sharing with Benton, Coronavirus, flu challenges, Tilford 4<sup>th</sup> grade HVAC, open enrollment requests, survey information and reviewed the schedule.

**Board Reports/Requests**

Kathy Van Steenhuyse and Sue Gates shared information from a meeting on social and behavioral mental health.

Kathy Van Steenhuyse shared she attended Cold War presentations and the speech contest at the high school. Both were great examples of our students' work.

Rob Levis requested more information about a possible activity bus.

**General Business of the Board**

Consent Items

**943.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Williams to accept the consent items as presented with the exception of the open enrollment out request. Motion carried 6/0.

**944.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to accept the late open enrollment request. Motion carried 6/0.

Public Hearing on K-12<sup>th</sup> School Calendar for 2020-2021

Hearing opened at 6:42 p.m. The public questioned the schedule for Dec. 23rd. Hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

**945.** It was moved by Burke and seconded by Gates to approve the 2020-2021 calendar as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Vinton Unlimited Iowa Ride Request

**946.** It was moved by Fish and seconded by Burke to approve the facility use request from Vinton Unlimited for the Iowa Ride event on July 13. Motion carried 6/0.

Letter of Support for 61<sup>st</sup> Street

**947.** It was moved by Williams and seconded by Fish to direct the superintendent to submit a letter of support in upgrading the road south of the high school on the school district's behalf. Motion carried 6/0.

Review Budget for FY21

The board went through the budget workshop book and discussed the district's finances.

Approve Proposed 2020-21 Budget for Publication and Publish 2019-20 Budget Amendment

**948.** It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Williams to publish the 2020-21 budget and the 2019-20 budget amendment including funding for the items outlined with first scenario with minor adjustments. Motion carried 6/0.

**949.** It was moved by Burke and seconded by Williams to set the budget hearing for the 2020-21 budget and the hearing for the 2019-20 budget amendment for Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office. Motion carried 6/0.

Second Reading of Miscellaneous Board Policies in the 100,300, and 400 Series

**950.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to conduct the second and final reading on the listed board policies. Motion carried 6/0.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Hainstock gave an update on the legislature's recent work. Rob Levis thanked Ms. Driscoll for attending the meeting.

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

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

**Move into Closed Session as Allowed by Iowa Law 21.5(j) concerning the Sale or Purchase of Real Estate**

**951.** It was moved by Williams and seconded by Fish to enter into closed session at 8:29 p.m. as allowed by Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate. Motion carried 6/0 on a roll call vote.

By consensus, the board moved from closed session to open session at 8:40 p.m.

**Move into Exempt Session to Discuss Strategies as Allowed by Iowa Code 21.9**

**952.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Fish to enter into exempt session at 8:43 p.m. to Discuss negotiation strategies as allowed by Iowa Code 21.9. Motion carried 6/0 on a roll call vote.

By consensus, the board moved from exempt session to open session at 9:06 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Rob Levis, President

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Brenda Barkdoll, Secretary