

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools  
October 14, 2019**

**Call to Order**

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Shellsburg music room.

**Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

Sue Gates, Jason Hicok, Rob Levis, Mike Timmermans, Brenda Bartz, Kathy Van Steenhuyse, Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent, and Karrie Bartling, Acting Board Secretary/Treasurer were present with the exception of Kyle Schminke and Brenda Barkdoll.

**Receive Visitor/Public Comments**

Jake Fish, Audra Piotti, Becky Williams and Tom Burke, who are on the ballot for the next school election, introduced themselves and were welcomed by the board.

**Administrator Reports**

Tony Islas updated the board on attendance rates at the high school.  
Principals submitted written reports.

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Hainstock reported on preliminary enrollment data, final abstract of the PPEL renewal vote, new insurance program available for covering student insurance costs, Transportation Director position, thanked staff for support during unexpected student death, and open enrollment requests.

**Board Reports/Requests**

Kathy Van Steenhuyse noted the strong process used for the building and grounds interviews.

Jason Hicok shared the band's #1 rating at state marching band competition.

Rob Levis thanked Ryan Davis for the tour and hosting, thanked the staff for helping with support after the student's death, and thanked Mary Jo Hainstock for her service to the district.

**General Business of the Board**

Consent Items

**897.** It was moved by Gates and seconded by Bartz to accept the consent items as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

28 E Agreements with Benton Community

**898.** It was moved by Bartz and seconded by Hicok to approve the 28E agreements with Benton Community for sharing a school counselor and human resource director. Motion carried 6/0.

Early Retirement

The board discussed the possibility of offering an early retirement program and requested more information to be gathered and presented at November board meeting.

Physical Plan and Equipment Levy/SAVE/Schoolhouse Fund

**899.** It was moved by Timmermans and seconded by Van Steenhuyse to approve the items recommended under on-going commitments, items in process, and new recommendations. Motion carried 6/0.

First Reading of Board Policies 100, 200.1, 200.1R1, 202.4, 206.4, 210.1, 210.5, 210.6, 211, 215, 216.2, 307, 404.1R, 606.3, 711.7, 711.10

There will be a second and final reading at a future board meeting.

Superintendent Resignation and Search Process

**900.** It was moved by Bartz and seconded by Gates to accept Mary Jo Hainstock's resignation effective June 30, 2020. Motion carried 6/0.

The board will meet October 28 to interview three search firms.

Audience Comments on any of the Preceding Items

There were no audience comments.

**Correspondence Items/Reports**

- Article on Schools adding local foods to lunch menu-Iowa Farmer Today
- Abstract of Votes and Unofficial Canvass of Votes for PPEL vote

**Adjournment**

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Rob Levis, President

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Karrie Bartling, Acting Secretary