



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Agenda
August 20, 2018

Mission

The mission of VES is to provide students with the necessary tools to lead meaningful and productive lives through hands-on learning, service to others and environmental stewardship.

Vision Statement

Starting at a level much deeper than just curriculum, the design of VES addresses the origins of learning and the fundamental well-being of students. The foundation necessary to achieve the mission of our school is the establishment of a community of learners, composed of students, families, teachers, and staff who share the conviction that the best education takes place in an intentionally developed environment that nurtures, protects, challenges, and values every member of that community.

Board Member Attendance: 5 of 5; 100 %

Staff/Public Attendance Scott Anderson, Jean Fjelsta
Meeting called to order at 5:15

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Public Comments Forum: Any person wishing to speak directly to the Board, once recognized by the board chair, may do so for up to 5 minutes. The public input period will last no longer than 30 minutes.

Approval of Agenda Kari Olson made the motion to approve the agenda. Lynette Bedeau second. All approve. Motion carried.

A. Contract Performance Areas

B. Board Composition & Capacity

- ◆ Training Activity- set board retreat to confirm goals
- ◆ Schedule Board Retreat Ross Millar made the motion to approve the retreat. Heidi Seitz second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- ◆ Review Board Action Calendar- add educational committee sometime in the future. A possible governance committee as well.

C. Board Decision Making & Oversight- Heidi Seitz made the motion. Ross Millar seconded. All approve. Motion carried.

- ◆ Student/Family Handbook
- ◆ Staff Handbook

D. Board Management & Accountability

- ◆ Director's Report
- ◆ Meeting Minutes-July 16, 2018 Kari Olson made the motion to approve the July minutes. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Designate Scott Anderson as IOWA-Identified Official with Authority Lynette Bedeau made the motion. Ross Millar seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approve Lunch Charge Policy -the change is that students may only charge -\$20.50 before a cold lunch option is put in place. Heidi Seitz made the motion. Kari Olson seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance- discussion about should the pledge be said in the classroom. VES does not currently say the pledge. Ross Millar made the motion to continue to waive the pledge. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approve. Motion carried.

E. Financial Management

- ◆ Current Bills/Checks Lynette Bedeau made the motion. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approve Food Service Contract with Lutheran Social Services We will have a new food service provider which will serve more student friendly lunches. Heidi Seitz made the motion. Ross Millar seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approve EMC Insurance this will be an \$8000 savings. Ross Millar made the motion. Kari Olson seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Accept Beltrami Area Service Collaborative Attendance Grant of \$1000 we have received an attendance grant that will be used as an incentive to encourage students to come to school and reward those that do. Heidi Seitz made the motion. Ross Millar seconded. All approve. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approve MDE Safety Grant we have applied for a safety grant from MDE to upgrade out building security. Ross Millar made the motion. Kari Olson seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

F. Adjourn Meeting Ross Millar made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynette Bedeau seconded. All approve. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6.15 pm

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, September 10, at 5:15 p.m.