



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2019

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.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum-Meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Acting Chair Shana Torgeson

Board Members Present-Ross Millar, Kari Olson, Heidi Seitz, Shana Torgeson, Donna Zelinsky and Becky Reinarz

Officers Present-Scott Anderson and Kathy Skinner

Guests-Cynthia England

Approval of Meeting Agenda-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the agenda. Heidi Seitz Seconded. All approved

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A. Consent Agenda: Consent agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be voted upon With a single motion; however, any board member may request that items on the Consent Agenda be removed from it for independent consideration. Any items so identified will be moved to the Action Item portion of the agenda.

- ◆ Minutes from 7-15-19 board meeting
- ◆ 7-31-19 Financials

Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the consent agenda. Heidi Seitz seconded. The July financials were not ready. Will be presented at the September meeting. All approved of the July 15th minutes.

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Reports

- ◆ Director's Report

Is Everything Occurring Appropriately?

C. Public Comments: 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 5 minutes.

D. Information/Discussion Items



E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Minutes-The Finance Committee met to discuss the status of the FY19 audit and 2 CD's that have come due. The committee recommends rolling them both over as short-term investments.

F. Action Items

- ◆ Approve Board Action Calendar-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the calendar as it was for 2018-19 with no changes. Kari Olson seconded. All approved
- ◆ Designate Identified Officials with Authority (IOWA)-Becky Reinartz motioned to approve Scott Anderson as the school's designated IOWA. Kari Olson seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance Policy-Heidi Seitz motioned. Kari Olson seconded. After discussion of the pro's and con's of saying the pledge in school. It was determined that we will waive it again this year. Ross Millar motioned to accept this decision and Heidi Seitz seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Staff Handbook-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the 2019-20 staff handbook. Becky Reinartz seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Student/Family Handbook-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the 2019-20 student/Staff handbook with minimal changes from last year as well as updated the credit page to reflect the requirements going forward with the new daily schedule. Ross Millar seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Budget Revision-Becky Reinartz motioned. Ross Millar seconded. After discussion, it was decided to table the budget revision until September when a clearer copy of the changes could be produced. All approved.
- ◆ Board Configuration-Ross Millar resigned at the end of the meeting. Kari motioned and Heidi Seitz seconded to update board officer positions. Becky Reinartz and Shana Torgeson will be Co-Chairs. Heidi Seitz will be the Board Records Officer. Cynthia England will take the minutes and send them to Heidi Seitz for approval before they go out to the board. All approved.

Board Assessment and Development



G. Adjourn the Regular Meeting-Becky Reinartz motioned to adjourn. Donna Zelinsky seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. by Co-Chair Shana Torgeson

Next Regular Board Meeting: September 9, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

