



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

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 5:15 p.m. by Acting Chair Shana Torgeson.

Board Members Present – John Eggers, Becky Reinarz, Donna Zelinsky, Shana Torgeson, Cindy Tesar and Kari Olson.

Officers Present – Scott Anderson, Kathy Skinner and Cynthia England

Guests – Joe Gould - Teacher, Amanda Willis – Community

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None

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 12-09-19 Board Meeting
- ◆ Minutes from 12-09-19 Special Board Meeting
- ◆ 12-31-19 Financials

Becky Reinarz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Kari Olson Seconded; all approved.

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. - None

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ John Eggers – 100% Graduation Rate

E. Board Committees

- ◆ 1-07-20 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Report from Director Evaluation Committee
- ◆ Report from Bylaw Committee
- ◆ Report from Staff Handbook/Policy Committee

F. Action Items

- ◆ **Amended** – Board Configuration – Kari Olson made a motion to carry out the Seating of Amanda Willis, Community Member, to the Board; Becky Reinartz Seconded; all approved.
- ◆ **Establish Election Committee** – Becky Reinartz Motioned to establish an Ad Hoc Election Committee; Cindy Tesar Seconded; all approved. Cynthia England, Joe Gould, Kathy Skinner, Donna Zelinzky and Amanda Willis volunteered to be on this committee.
- ◆ **Review & Approve Equipment Grant Application** – Becky Reinartz Motioned to approve the application; Cindy Tesar Seconded; all approved.
- ◆ **Review & Approve 18/19 Annual Report Corrections** – Becky Reinartz Motioned to approve the corrections; Cindy Tesar Seconded; all approved.

Board Assessment and Development

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- ◆ Productive Struggle
- ◆ Board Self-Evaluation – John Eggers Motioned to have Members complete the Evaluations and return them during the Feb. 2020 Board Meeting; Cindy Tesar Seconded; all approved.

H. Adjourn the regular meeting – Shana Torgeson Motioned to adjourn; Becky Reinartz Seconded; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 10, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.