

Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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.

1. **Call to Order** - by Secretary Kari Olson at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Attendance** - Kari Olson, Bert Mayberry, Twila Bolte, Brian Olson, Lynnette Bedeau, and Rebecca Kummet
Officers - Scott Anderson, Jean Fjelsta, and Kathy Skinner
Guests - Deb Risberg, Peyton Dean, Robert Johnson, and Bruce Banta
3. **Reading of the Mission Statement and Vision Statement**
4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
5. **Public Comment Forum** - Any person wishing to speak directly to the Board, once recognized by the board chair may do so for up to five minutes. The public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes.
6. **Special Presentation- Robert Johnson, Minnesota Youth Council**
7. **Approval of Agenda** - Rebecca Kummet motioned to approve the agenda. Twila Bolte seconded. Motioned passed unanimously
8. **Board Training**
9. **Board Business**
 - a. **Committees**
 - i. **Finance Committee Report** - Committee met regarding budget for the 18/19 school year. It will be presented to the board for approval at the June meeting.
 - ii. **Director Evaluation Committee** - Two members from the board will meet with the Director to go over the results of the staff and board evaluations
 - iii. **Election Committee** - Rebecca motioned to certify the election results. Brian Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously
10. **Consent agenda items**
 - a. **Minutes from regular board meeting on April 9th, 2018**
 - b. **Minutes from special board meeting on April 23rd, 2018**
 - c. **Financials**

Lynnette Bedeau motioned to approve all consent agenda items. Twila Bolte seconded. Motion passed. Bert Mayberry - aye, Brian Olson - aye, Lynnette Bedeau - aye, Twila Bolte - aye, Rebecca Kummet - abstain
11. **Director's Report**
12. **Old Business**
 - a. **Contract Amendment with ACNW** - Twila Bolte motioned to approve the contract amendment with ACNW. Brian Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously
13. **New Business**

- a. New Board Member Orientation - Discussion about what training documents should be given to new board members. Authorizer requirements, board member expectations, breakdown of financials, Robert's Rules of Order
- b. Board Configuration
- c. Renewal Process - The Director is asking for volunteers to help with the renewal process
- d. 2018-2019 School Calendar - Bert Mayberry motioned to accept the 2018-19 school calendar. Twila Bolte seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. By-law update/proposal - Direction given to the Director to have an outside source review our by-laws and give recommendations on possible changes.
- f. Board Governance Proposal - Discussion regarding entertaining the idea of having a consultant talk to the board about a Governance style

14. Board Evaluation

- 15. Adjournment** - Lynnette Bedeau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Secretary Kari Olson

Next Board Meeting June 11, 2018 at 5:15 pm