



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes  
July 15th, 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 5:15 p.m. by Treasurer Kari Olson

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

Officers Present-Scott Anderson and Kathy Skinner

Approval of Meeting Agenda-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the agenda. Ross Millar 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 6-17-19 board meeting
- ◆ 6-30-19 Financials

Ross Millar motioned to approve the consent agenda. Shana Torgeson 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.

#### **D. Information/Discussion Items**



#### **E. Board Committees**

- ◆ Finance Committee Minutes-No Finance meeting in July

#### **F. Action Items**

- ◆ Approve Check Signers-Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve Scott Anderson and Kari Olson as official check signers on our bank accounts. Ross Millar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve Operations Manager Access to View Electronic Bank Transactions- Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve Kathy Skinner access to view bank transactions. Ross Millar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve Riverwood as Official Bank- Ross Millar motioned to approve Riverwood as our bank. Ross Millar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve School Website and Bemidji Pioneer as Public Publications- Ross Millar motioned to approve our official publications. Donna Zelinsky seconded. All approved
- ◆ Set Date for Board Goal Setting Date-Heidi Seitz made the motion and Shana Torgeson seconded to change the time of the regular board meeting to 4:15 p.m. with the board retreat to set the goals for this coming school year to follow.
- ◆ Board Configuration-Donna Zelinsky and Shana Torgeson seconded to open discussion and vote regarding Brian Olson's resignation and recruiting new members. A nomination was received to Becky Reinartz as a teacher member to take office in August. Also discussed adding another parent or community member. All approved

#### **Board Assessment and Development**

- ◆ ACNW Handout

- G. Adjourn the Regular Meeting-**Donna Zelinsky motioned to adjourn. Heidi Seitz seconded. All Approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Kari Olson

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 19, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.