



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Special Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2021  
6:00 pm

**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 called to order by Amanda Willis-Martin at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Cindy Tesar, Amanda Willis-Martin, Shana Torgeson, Becky Reinarz, Kari Olson, John Eggers

Officers Present: Kathy Skinner, Theresa Knapper Smith

Absent: Scott Anderson

Interviewee: Ryan Haasch

Guests: Cameron Koenen, Joe Gould, Alison Glade

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Kari Olsen motion to approve meeting agenda, John Eggers second, all approved

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

**A. Information/Discussion Items**

- ◆ Final Interview of Ryan Haasch

**C. Action Items**

- ◆ Review/Approve Director Salary Range and Negotiations authority  
Becky Reinarz motion to approve Director salary range of between \$72,000.00 and \$85,000.00, also to nominate Amanda Willis-Martin as the Negotiation Authority, Kari Olson second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Director Contract  
Cindy Tesar motion to approve Director Contract, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Determination of Director New Hire  
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to move forward to hire Ara Anderson, Kari second.

During discussion Becky Reinarz motion for a 5-minute recess, Kari Olson second, all approved.

Motion to move forward to hire Ara Anderson passed with majority vote

**C. Adjourn the meeting**

Kari Olson motion to adjourn meeting, Shana Torgeson second, all approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.