



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 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-The meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Willis-Martin at 5:32 p.m.

Members present-John Eggers, Kari Olson, Cindy Tesar, Shana Torgeson and Amanda Willis-Martin

Members absent- Becky Reinartz

Officers Present, Scott Anderson, Kathy Skinner and Theresa Knapper Smith

Approval of Meeting Agenda- Kari Olson Motioned to approve the agenda, Shana Torgeson seconded, all approved.

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 7-13-2020 Board Meeting
- ◆ 7-31-2020 Financials

Kari Olson motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Cindy Tesar 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

- ◆ Review Staff and Family Handbooks
- ◆ Review Pledge of Allegiance Policy
- ◆ Identify Official with Authority (IOWA)
- ◆ Review Environmental Learning Plan (ELP)

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes-Kari Olson read the minutes from the finance meeting on August 4th, 2020.

F. Action Items

- ◆ Approve Board Action Calendar-John Eggers motioned to approve the Board Action Calendar for 2020-2021. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Review/Approve 2020-2021 Board Goals-Cindy Tesar motioned to approve the goals for 2020-2021 school year. Kari Olson seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Staff and Family Handbooks-John Eggers motioned to approve the handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year. Kari Olson Approved. All approved.
- ◆ Establish/Approve line of Credit with Riverwood Bank for \$100,000-Cindy Tesar approved the establishment of the line of credit in the amount of \$100,000 with Riverwood Bank and designating Scott Anderson, Director and Kari Olson, Treasurer as signers on the line of credit. Shana Torgeson seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Identify Official with Authority (IOWA)-John Eggers motioned to approve Scott Anderson, Director as the IOWA for the 2020-2021 school year. Kari Olson seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Pledge of Allegiance Policy-Cindy Tesar motioned to approve the Pledge of Allegiance Policy-Amanda Willis-Martin seconded. Cindy Tesar-aye, Shana Torgeson-aye, John Eggers-aye, Amanda Willis-Martin-aye, Kari Olson-abstained. Motion passed.
- ◆ Set Special Board Meeting Date-Kari Olson Motioned to approve a Special Board Meeting for August 18th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the start of the school year opening plan. Shana Torgeson seconded. All approved.

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Update Board Training Schedule
- ◆ Course 100-August 19 or September 16
- ◆ Course 300-August 26 or September 23
- ◆ Review “Role and Responsibilities” handout

H. Adjourn the meeting-Cindy Tesar motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shana Torgeson seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. by Chair Amanda Willis-Martin