



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020
5:30 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- The meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Willis-Martin at 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Attending via Zoom- Becky Reinarz

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

Guest-Cynthia Borgen

Approval of Meeting Agenda-Amanda Willis-Martin Motioned to approve the agenda, Kari Olson seconded, all approved.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A. 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.

B. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Question/Answer update session with Cynthia Borgen, Public Health Division Director for Beltrami County

C. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve the 20-21 School Reopening Plan-Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approve the 20-21 Reopening Plan. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Review/Approve Board resolution identifying the Learning Plan start up model-Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approve the Board resolution indicating the school will utilize a Hybrid model to begin the school year. Shana Torgeson seconded. All approved.

- ◆ Review/Approve Voyageurs Board Policy on Face Coverings- Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approve the Face Coverings policy. John Eggers seconded. After discussion, Amanda Willis-Martin amended her motion to approve the policy with a change to the Definition of Face Coverings. Cindy Tesar seconded the amended motion. All approved.
- ◆ Review/Approve Revised 20-21 School Calendar-Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approve the revised 20-21 school calendar. Shana Torgeson seconded. All approved.

D. Adjourn the meeting-Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becky Reinarz seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by Chair; Amanda Willis-Martin