



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
May 10th, 2021
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

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Amada Willis-Martin

Present: Amanda Willis-Martin, Becky Reinarz, Kari Olson, Shanna Torgeson

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

Absent: John Eggers, Cindy Tesar

Guest: Joe Gould

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Becky Reinarz motion to approve Agenda, Shana Torgeson second, 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 04-12-2021 Board Meeting
- ◆ 04-30-2021 Financials
- ◆ Minutes from 04-23-2021 3:30 Special Meeting
- ◆ Minutes from 04-23-2021 6:00 Special Meeting
- ◆ Minutes from 05-04-2021 Special Meeting

Kari Olson motion to approve Consent Agenda, Amanda Willis-Martin second, all approved

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Reports

- ◆ Director's Report
- ◆ Design Team

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.

Joe Gould – Wanting to know election results, noticed was on the agenda

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Review Policy Updates-First Reading: 4.6.0, 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4, 4.6.5, 4.6.6
- ◆ Review policy Updates-Second Reading 4.5.2, 4.5.7

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Election Committee
- ◆ Director Search Negotiation Update

F. Action Items

- ◆ Form a By-Law Committee
Kari Olson motion to appoint Becky Reinarz, Cindy Tesar, and Shana Torgeson to the By-Law Committee to review and update By-Laws, Becky Reinarz second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve School 2021-2022 Calendar
Becky Reinarz motion to approve, Amanda Willis-Martin second, Becky Reinarz amended motion to approve with removal of 5/16 – 5/20 as an expedition week, Amanda Willis-Martin second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Budget Revision
Kari Olson motion to approve, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Approve Policy Updates: 2.10, 4.3.1, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.6
Becky Reinarz motion to approve listed policies, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Certification of Board Election Results
Election results: Joe Gould, Teacher; John Eggers, Community Member; and Cindy Tesar, Parent. Becky Reinarz motion to certify election results, Kari Olson second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve New Board Member Orientation Date
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to table until next meeting to include new director, Kari Olson second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Director Contract for Final Acceptance
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to table to next meeting, Becky Reinarz second, all approved

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Board Fundamentals

H. Adjourn the meeting

Shana Torgeson motion to adjourn, Becky Reinarz second, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.