



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
November 9th, 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 – Meeting was called to order by Becky Reinarz at 5:35 pm

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

Members Absent: None

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

Officers Absent: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Kari Olson motion to amend and add Environmental Learning Policy, Shanna second, all approved. Kari Olson motion to approve meeting agenda with adjustments, Cindy Tesar 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 10-12-2020 Board Meeting
- ◆ Minutes from 10-19-2020 Special Board Meeting
- ◆ Minutes from 10-26-2020 Special Board Meeting
- ◆ 10-12-2020 Financials

John Eggers motion to approve Consent Agenda with correction to October 19th meeting minutes, Cindy Tesar second, all approved

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Reports

- ◆ Audit Presentation-Jon Roscoe, Miller McDonald – No issues
- ◆ 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 process of New Board Member Orientation and Onboarding
- ◆ Staff Appreciation
- ◆ Work Wednesdays update
- ◆ Environmental Literacy Plan

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Director Evaluation Committee

F. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve Audit – Cindy Tesar motion to approve, Becky Reinartz second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Learning Model plan/Covid discussion – Becky Reinartz motion to continue online learning model until December 2020 board meeting to review at that time, Cindy Tesar second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Director Evaluation Template – Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve, John Eggers second, all approved

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Finances and Student Performance handout
- ◆ Osprey Wilds Sounding Board handout (Recruitment of Charter Board Members)

H. Adjourn the meeting

Amanda Willis-Martin motion to adjourn, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm