



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 2021
4:30 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 4:35 p.m. by Amanda Willis-Martin

Present: John Eggers, Becky Reinarz, Amanda Willis-Martin, Cindy Tesar, Shana Torgeson (arrived at 5:15 p.m)

Absent: Joel Johansen

Officers Present: Ryan Haasch (virtually), Kathy Skinner, Theresa Knapper Smith

Guests: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Becky Reinarz motion to approve, 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 07-12-2021 Board Meeting
- ◆ 07-31-2021 Financials

Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve, Becky Reinarz second, 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.

No public Comment

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Graduation Rate Strategy
- ◆ First Reading: 4.5.1, 4.7.1, 4.8.1, 4.9, 4.10, 5 .1.1
- ◆ Review Board Action Calendar
- ◆ Board Retreat

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee
- ◆ Bylaw Committee

F. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve Staff and Family Handbooks
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve with minor modification as discussed, Becky Reinartz second, all approved
- ◆ Approve Pledge of Allegiance Policy
Cindy Tesar motion to approve, Becky Reinartz second, all approved
- ◆ Approve to pursue ESSER funds for purchase of vans
Becky Reinartz motion to approve, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Approve to increase the capitalization threshold from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00
Becky Reinartz motion to approve, Cindy Tesar second. After discussion Becky reinartz amended motion to approve to increase the capitalization threshold to \$1,500.00, Cindy Tesar second, all approved
- ◆ Approval to use electronic board packets instead of printing to save on paper usage
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve to use electronic board packets with an option of paper packets if requested, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Board Training update/schedule
- ◆ Board Governance vs. Management
- ◆ Board Meeting Feedback from July 12th Meeting

H. Adjourn the meeting

Becky Reinartz motion to adjourn, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Annual Board Retreat
Monday, August 23rd, 2021
3:00p.m. at the Double Tree**