



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12th, 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 5:31 p.m. by Amanda Willis-Martin

Present: Joel Johannsen, John Eggers, Shana Torgeson, Amanda Willis-Martin, Cindy Tesar

Absent: Becky Reinarz

Officers Present: Ryan Haasch, Kathy Skinner

Officers Absent: Theresa Knapper Smith

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Shana Torgeson 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 06-14-2021 Board Meeting
- ◆ 06-30-2021 Financials
- ◆ Minutes from 06-21-2021 5:30 Special Meeting

Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve Consent Agenda, Cindy Tesar second, all approved

**How Well Are Students Doing?**

**B. Reports**

- ◆ Director's Report
- ◆ Design Team-No 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

#### **E. Board Committees**

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes-No meeting in July
- ◆ By-Law Committee-No meeting in July

#### **F. Action Items**

- ◆ Set Board Meeting Schedule-Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to set the meeting schedule as the second Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Cindy Tesar seconded. After discussion, Amanda Willis-Martin made a new motion to change the meeting time to 4:30 p.m. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Schedule Board Retreat/Goal Setting- Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to set the date for the retreat as Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve Signatures-Cindy Tesar motioned to approve Ryan Haasch and Becky Reinarz as signers with the Riverwood Bank. Amanda Willis-Martin seconded. All approved
- ◆ Designate Newspaper and Bank-John Eggers motioned to keep Riverwood bank as official bank and The Bemidji Pioneer as official publication. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve Electronic Transfer-Cindy Tesar motioned to give Kathy Skinner electronic transfer approval with Riverwood Bank. John Eggers seconded. All approved
- ◆ New Board Member(s) take office- Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approve John Eggers, Cindy Tesar, and Joel Johannsen as members with term ending 2023. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved
- ◆ Elect Board Officers-Cindy Tesar motioned to approve Amanda Willis-Martin as Chair; Becky Reinarz as Treasurer; Cindy Tesar as Records Officer. John Eggers seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Ryan as district IOWA- Amanda Willis-Martin motioned to approved Ryan Haasch as the district IOWA. Joel Johannsen seconded. All approved
- ◆ Approve 3-year Agreement with Cipafilter-John Eggers motioned to approve the 3-year contract with Cipafilter. Cindy Tesar seconded. All approved

### **Board Assessment and Development**

#### **G. Board Training**

- ◆ Standards of School Board Leadership
- ◆ Board Meeting Feedback

#### **H. Adjourn the meeting**

Cindy Tesar motion to adjourn meeting, John Eggers second, all approved  
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.