

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bill Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following directors were present: Bill Wilson, Paul Voelker, Nancy Cocroft and Doug Elledge. Crystal Hubert was excused. Staff present: Superintendent Mandi Rehn, CFO Eileen Harris and Kim Horton. Staff present via TEAMS: Bryan Lenten, Forrest Miller, Leoni Johnson and Annette Wisener. Guests present: Brian Asmus and Shane Brickner from School Safety Consultants. Guest present via TEAMS: None.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Paul moved to approve the consent agenda containing the March Meeting minutes; the March vouchers for the General Fund (Vouchers #137620 through #137633 and #137652 through #137694) and the April vouchers for the General Fund (Vouchers #137701 through #137769 and #137800 through #137805) in the total amount of \$249,473.07 and Payroll (Warrants #137634 through #137635, #137636 through #137651 and #137697 through #137700) in the total amount of \$325,171.53. ASB (Warrant #137695 through #137696 and #137807 through #137808) in the amount of \$685.96 and CPF (Warrant #137806) in the amount of \$17,064.28. Contracts for Services with Patricia Patterson as Highly Capable Coach, Tarkett Sports, Piper Sandler and Subscription Services with Teaching Strategies for Early Childhood. Eileen reviewed the Financial Report. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

ACTION ITEMS

Safety Update with Brian Asmus and Approval of valley School District Comprehensive Safety Plan:

Brian Asmus and Shane Brickner from School Safety Consultants presented the Valley School District Comprehensive Safety Plan. As of July 1st, 2021, schools are now required to have a comprehensive safety plan in place. Brian and Superintendent Rehn have done a site assessment and implemented the recommended safety updates. The comprehensive plan includes guidance for all emergency situations as well as family reunification plans.

Paul moved to approve the Valley School District Comprehensive Safety Plan as recommended. Doug seconded; motion carried

Letter of Resignation from Liana Hazelwood:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented a resignation letter from Liana Hazelwood and recommended acceptance. Paul moved to accept the resignation of Liana Hazelwood as presented, with gratitude for her time at Valley. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

Letter of Retirement from Lori Knight:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented a retirement letter from Lori Knight and recommended acceptance. Doug moved to accept the resignation of Lori Knight and wished her well in retirement. Paul seconded; motion carried.

Letter of Retirement from George Olsen:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented a retirement letter from George Olsen and recommended acceptance. Doug moved to accept the resignation of George Olsen and wished him well in retirement. Paul seconded; motion carried.

Recommendations to Hire:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented recommendations to hire Kristian Harris as Assistant to the Facilities Supervisor, Annette Wisener as Transportation Supervisor, Joe Payne as Baseball Coach and Teddie Chance as Softball Coach. Doug moved to approve the hiring of Kristian Harris as Assistant to the Facilities Supervisor, Annette Wisener as Transportation Supervisor, Joe Payne as Baseball Coach and Teddie Chance as Softball Coach. Paul seconded; motion carried.

Recommendation to Surplus VL Transport Vehicles:

CFO Eileen Harris presented a list of VL Transport vehicles that are no longer used and recommended the board approve the request to surplus them. Included are a 1991 GMC Cargo Van and a 1974 Rosco Sweeper.

Paul moved to approve the request to surplus the list of VL Transport vehicles as recommended. Doug Seconded; motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading Revision to Policy 3421 - Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented Policy 3421 - Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention for a first reading. The policy will be presented next month for approval.

First Reading revision to Policy 5001 - Hiring of Retired School Employees:

Superintendent Mandi Rehn presented Policy 5001 - Hiring of Retired School Employees for a first reading. Doug expressed some concerns about double dipping and would like to see a clause that says the intent is to fill the job, but that we would always try to hire new teachers before retired teachers. The policy will be presented next month for approval.

Budget Work Session Planning Date:

CFO Eileen Harris would like to set a date for the 2023-24 Budget Work Session. The agreed update will be May 10, 2023 at 3:30 pm in the District

Broadcast Room.

Board Member Volunteer Requests:

Paideia High School and Valley School would like to request volunteers from the board to attend end of year activities at the schools. Paideia High School has requested a board member for their Culminating Projects and Graduation. Valley School has requested for their 8th Grade Graduation and End of the Year Awards ceremony.

- PHS Culminating Project – May 16th at 6pm – 8 pm – **Paul Voelker**
- PHS Graduation – June 8th at 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – **Doug Elledge**
- VS 8th Grade Graduation – June 12th at 6:30 pm – **Nancy Cocroft**
- VS End of the Year Awards – June 14th at 9am – **Paul Voelker**

High School Project:

Superintendent Mandy Rehn and CFO Eileen Harris briefly reviewed the financial impact of Valley School District emerging as a high school district. At this time, it looks as though the cost will outweigh the revenue for this. Superintendent Rehn discussed the possibility of adding CTE to Valley School District and asked if the board would like her to explore the possibility of this. The board agreed that they would like to see if this would be possible.

Boosters for Bears Update:

Nancy Cross was unable to make the meeting this month but will be attending in the future to provide updates for the board. Nancy did send an email message to Superintendent Rehn with the following updates:

- Next Boosters for Bears monthly meeting will be April 21st at 6:30 pm at the Valley Grange
- Bingo Night & Soup Feed is April 22nd. Dinner starts at 5pm
- Paideia High School will host a gaming night on May 6th
- Due to a communication error, PHS annual plant sale has been moved from May 6th to May 21st at the Valley Grange during the Valley Warriors Against Cancer weekend. Anyone with questions call email Nancy at boostersforbears@gmail.com.

***ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
COMMUNICATIONS:***

Superintendent Report-

- Mandi and Eileen met with Piper Sandler to discuss the upcoming 2025 bond and will be starting down that path.
- We are ready for the next steps on the road map. Mandi has been meeting with each school to discuss their goals and needs and has asked staff to add these to the road map. She will then

take those and work on a 3-5-year strategic plan for the district.

- Kristin Souers will be here on August 24th to do an all staff training on Trauma. She will have more information on this soon.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL:

- Doug reminded everyone of the need to replace the trees in the playground as a barrier for the silica dust, from the plant across the street. Doug has offered to work with Jim on this project and does have a contact that has offered to consult for free.
- Nancy would like to celebrate the progress that has been made in the safety efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee at 7:56 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Signed this 17th day of May 2023.










