

Organizational Meeting and
Regular Meeting of the Vermilion Local School District Board of Education
Monday, January 11, 2021

The Organizational meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Shelly Innes, present; Sara Stepp, present; Krystal Russell, present; Chris Habermehl, present; Eric Johnston, present.

Mrs. Innes led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Election of Officers:

1.21 Mrs. Innes moved the nomination of Sara Stepp as President of the Board. Mrs. Russell seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

2.21 Mrs. Innes moved the nomination of Eric Johnston as Vice President of the Board. Mr. Habermehl seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

3.21 Mrs. Innes moved to appoint Mrs. Russell to serve as Legislative Liaison with the Ohio School Board Association for 2021. Mrs. Stepp seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

4.21 Mr. Johnston moved to appoint Chris Habermehl to service as Student Achievement Liaison with the Ohio School Boards Association for 2020. Mrs. Russell seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

5.21 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the following Standing Resolutions for 2021:

(1) To establish the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm for the **day and time of regular meetings** in 2020:

February 8, 2021	June 14, 2021	October 11, 2021
March 8, 2021	July 12, 2021	November 8, 2021
April 12, 2021	August 9, 2021	December 13, 2021
May 10, 2021	September 13, 2021	January 10, 2022 Organizational

(2) Designate the Vermilion Photojournal as the **Official Newspaper**.

(3) Direct the Treasurer to provide copies of the minutes of the last meeting two (2) days prior to the next regular meeting, and to **waive the reading of the minutes** if said is done.

(4) **Authorize the Treasurer to:**

Pay on abstracts and invoices, monthly salaries and bills within the approved appropriations;
Request from the Erie and Lorain County Auditors advances on tax settlements as monies are collected;
Invest the funds of the district, as they are available;
Establish funds as necessary when requested by law or Auditor of the State;
Approve student activity funds purpose statements and budgets;
Open and read bids immediately after the time for filing of bids has expired.

(5) **Authorize the Superintendent or his designee to:**

Act as the Purchasing Agent;
Act as the Federal Programs Coordinator;
Act as Compliance Officer for the Equal Educational Opportunities Act, Title IX, and 1972 Civil Rights Act;
Family and Medical Leave Act; Bureau of Workers Compensation/Public Employment Risk Reduction Program;
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Americans with Disabilities Act; "504" Coordinator;
Approve the emergency and temporary employment of personnel in compliance with policy;
Provide coordination of required asbestos inspections;
Act as Safety Coordinator;
Approve the use of school buses within state and local rules;
Approve the use of a volunteer and/or employee's personal automobile to transport students to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

(6) Authorize the building principals to sign contracts such as student activity contracts, student pictures, school annuals, athletic contests, and the like.

(7) Appoint the superintendent or his designee as the Board of Education's hearing officer for appeals of suspension and expulsions of students.

(8) Authorize the appointment of the Board's representative to act as a designee for the Board of Education to hear student expulsion appeals.

(9) Establish a service Fund in the amount allowed by law of \$3,500.00 for the Board of Education within the general fund for the remainder of the fiscal year 2021 and for fiscal year 2022.

(10) Appoint Jeff Keck to serve on the Vermilion City Parks and Recreation Board for 2021.

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- (11) Authorize the participation in state and federal programs and grants, and is authorized to appoint designees to represent Vermilion for FY 22.
- (12) Authorize the Treasurer to submit the Alternative Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 to the Budget Commission in a timely fashion.
- (13) Appoint the following firms as legal counsel:

Bricker and Eckler L.L.P.	O'Toole, McLaughlin Dooley & Pecora, Co., L.P.A.
Ennis Britton Co., L.P.A.	Walter Haverfield, L.L.P.
Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.	Squire, Patton Boggs, L.L.P.
Smith, Peters & Kalail Co., L.P.A.	

- (14) Authorize the Treasurer to serve as the designee of the members of the Board of Education for Public Records Training as required by law.

Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

6.20 Mrs. Innes moved that the Organizational meeting be adjourned. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

The Organizational meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Johnston, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Stepp led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Legislative Report – H.B 404 was passed into law related to pandemic relief measures such as extending open meetings, CARES act revenue redistribution, Summer Food Program, License deadline extensions, College Credit Plus and school employee evaluations.

S.B 89 was passed into law changes eligibility requirements for the EdChoice voucher program and expands eligibility for the income-based voucher program from those at 200 percent of poverty level to 250 percent.

H.B 123 passed related to school security and youth suicide awareness and training.

H.B 231 will require dispensing of prescription drugs in a lockable container.

H.B 305 did not pass the Senate which makes the distribution of state funds more equitable by using a more precise measure of local capacity to pay for public schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. School Board Recognition Month – January 2021 Mr. Pempin spoke on behalf of the school district acknowledging the service of Board Members and their contribution to the success of Vermilion Local Schools.
2. Reopening January 19, 2021 Mr. Pempin noted that the district cannot guarantee the safety of students related to COVID-19, but that the district and its members are doing everything they can to make the school as safe as possible. Mr. Pempin noted that teachers and support staff have done an outstanding job providing remote/in-person learning. Classified staff have done a great job preparing the buildings for the return of students on January 19th, 2020. The district will continue to follow the guidance provided by the Health Commissioner related to quarantining staff and students. Currently, there are 335 students who wish to remain online. This breaks down to 104 students in grades K-3; 79 students in grades 4-7; and 152 students in grades 8-12.

TREASURER'S REPORT

6.21 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the Financial Report for December 31, 2020. Mrs. Stepp seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

7.21 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the following donation of \$1,000.00 from the Vermilion Athletic Booster Club to Vermilion Athletics. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

8.21 Mr. Johnston moved that the Board adopt a resolution to participate in the Ohio School Boards Legal Assistance Fund for the calendar year 2021 and to authorize the Treasurer to pay LAF \$250.00. Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

9.21 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adopt a resolution to accept the amounts and rates from the Erie County Auditor. Mr. Habermehl seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

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10.21 Mrs. Russell moved that the Board approve the 2021-2022 Tax Budget. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

11.21 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the revision to the 2020-2021 Treasurer's Manual. Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

12.21 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the following items on the **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Minutes of the December 14, 2020 board meeting. (ATTACHMENT F)
2. Adopt Revision to the following district policy 5200, 6325, 6114, 3120, 4120 and accompanying guidelines as recommended by NEOLA for a first read.
3. Approve the contract for Children with Disabilities with Amherst Exempted Village Schools.
4. Approve the College Credit Plus and MyUniversity Guarantee MOU with LCCC and The University Partnership.
5. **Approve the following Employment Action**
Retirement of Elizabeth Greenawalt effective June 7, 2021.
6. **One (1) year Supplemental Contract for the 2021-2022 contract to:**
Hannah Bartlome, Girls Head Soccer Coach, Level 23, Step 3, \$4,624.00
2020-2021 contract to: Aubree LaForce, Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, Level 22, Step 0, \$4,145.00
7. **One (1) year Substitute Classified Contract for the 2020-2021 contract year to:**
Madison Rubin-Bleam, Bus Driver

Mrs. Russell seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

Date and location of upcoming Board meetings. Meetings held in the cafeteria at the Vermilion High School, 1250 Sanford Street, Vermilion, unless otherwise noted.

Regular Meeting:	Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting:	Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting:	Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM

13.21 Mrs. Stepp moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

ATTEST:

Treasurer

Board President