

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION TAX BUDGET ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024 5:45 PM**

The Tax Budget meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.

The Organizational meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

Mr. Habermehl led the Pledge of Allegiance with the December Citizens of the Month.

Oath of Office: Shelly Innes, Board Member; Krystal Russell, Board Member; Mark Bensons, Board Member; Nick Freeman, Student Board Member

BOARD BUSINESS:

1.24 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve Chris Habermehl, Board President to serve as President Pro Tem for the January 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting. Mrs. Stepp seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

2.24 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board nominate Chris Habermehl as President of the Board. Mr. Benson seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

3.24 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board nominate Shelly Innes as Vice President of the Board. Mrs. Russell seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

4.24 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board nominate Krystal Russell to serve as Legislative Liaison with the Ohio School Board Association for 2024. Mrs. Innes seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

5.24 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board nominate Mark Benson to serve as Student Achievement Liaison with the Ohio School Boards for 2024. Mrs. Stepp seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.

6.24 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the following Standing Resolutions for 2024:

1. Introduction of members new to the Vermilion Board of Education: Mark Benson, Student Board Member Nick Freeman.
2. To establish the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM for the day and time of Regular Board Meetings for the year 2024.
3. Designate the Vermilion Photojournal as the **Official Newspaper**.
4. 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.
5. **Authorize the Treasurer to:**
 - Pay on abstracts and invoices, monthly salaries and bills with the approved appropriations;
 - Request from the Erie and Lorain County Auditor's 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 State;
 - Approve student activity funds purpose statements and budgets;
 - Open and read bids immediately after the time for filing of bids has expired;
 - 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 fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025;
 - Authorize the Treasurer to submit the Alternative Tax Budget for fiscal year 2025 to the Budget Commission in a timely manner;
 - Authorize the Treasurer to serve as the designee of the members of the Board of Education for Public Records Training as required by law.
6. **Authorize the Superintendent or his designee to:**
 - Act as the Purchasing Agent;
 - Approve the emergency and temporary employment of personnel in compliance with policy;
 - Accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board of Education;
 - Authorize the building principals to sign contracts such as student activity contracts, student pictures, school yearbooks, athletic contests, and the like;
 - Appoint the Superintendent or his designee as the Board of Education's hearing officer for appeals of suspensions and expulsions of students;
 - Appoint the Superintendent as the Board's designee to hear student expulsion appeals;
 - Appoint Dr. David Hile, Superintendent, to serve on the Vermilion City Parks and Recreation Board for 2024;
 - Authorize the Superintendent to approve participation in state and federal programs and grants, and authorize him to appoint designees to represent Vermilion for FY25.

7. Appoint the following firms as legal counsel:

- Bricker and Graydon, L.L.P.
- Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.
- Squire, Patton, Boggs, L.L.P.

Mrs. Russell seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Massey, aye; Mr. Freeman, aye.