

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting was called to order.

This is a meeting of the Vermilion Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business, and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda. Vermilion Board Bylaw 0165.1.

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

Legislative Report - Mrs. Russell presented on S.B 91 which amends the revised code regarding fraud, waste and abuse of public funds and to prohibit the expenditure of local tax revenues upon a vote of residents or without an appropriation.

Mrs. Russell also present on S.B 208 which amends the revised code to require a city, exempted village or local school to include in its open enrollment policy an exception for military children.

Student Liaison Report - Mr. Ryan and three students from the Middle School STEM program demonstrated the computer program the class uses and the project the STEM students are working on.

Student Board Member Report - Mr. Freeman spoke regarding the number of volunteers the Leo club had and the support they provided to various projects.

Public Participation - No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.24 JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH in Ohio and the Vermilion Local Schools, and thus I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members.

School Board Recognition Month - January 2024

WHEREAS, our community values a quality education as a vital step along the pathway to success for our children; and

WHEREAS, Chris Habermehl, Sara Stepp, Krystal Russell, Shelly Innes, Mark Benson, Reagan Massey, and Nick Freeman contribute greatly to this community through their service on the Vermilion Local School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, these local decision-makers set the policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains two-way communications with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, these school board members are serving our community with integrity, honor, and a commitment to our children's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. David Hile, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Vermilion Local School Board and proclaim the month of January 2024, as **School Board Recognition Month** in Vermilion Local Schools. I hereby urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members, and in working with them to provide an education system that helps every adult help every child succeed today, tomorrow, and beyond.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January, 2024.

David Hile, Ed. D., Superintendent, VLS

8.24 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board approve the recommendation from David Hile to approve the Memorandum of Understanding:

The Vermilion Teachers Association and the Vermilion Local School District Board of Education hereby agree that a supplemental contract for a girls head wrestling coach position shall be added to the negotiated agreement between the parties dated September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025, and replace, in said negotiated agreement, the girls assistant wrestling coach position. The girls' head wrestling coach position shall be placed at level 43 on Schedule D - Athletic Responsibilities pay schedule as set forth in Appendix I of the negotiated agreement.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

9.24 Mrs. Russell moved that the Board approve the Financial Report for December 2023. 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

10.24 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board approve the following donations:

\$900.00 anonymous donation for Great Lake Handshake

\$750.00 from North Shore Browns Backers to the Athletic Department

\$1,147.00 from William A.Orwig to Speech and Debate

\$250.00 from the Vermilion Lions Club to Speech and Debate

\$150.00 from Stephanie A. Snook to Speech and Debate

\$5,000.00 from VFW of Ohio Charity to VHS Bowling

\$2,200.00 from Defense Soap to the Athletic Department

\$1,000.00 from Hermes Parker Concrete to the Robotics program

\$250.00 from Smith Paving and Excavating to the Robotic program

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

11.24 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board authorize the Treasurer to establish and execute ACH and Electronic transactions with the Lorain County Auditor's Office.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

12.24 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board approve the following items on the **Consent Agenda:**

A. Rescind the Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting due to a clerical error and approve the corrected November 13, 2023 minutes.

B. Approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting.

C. Approve the revisions for district policies as recommended for the second read: 2266, 5460, 8403, 8640, and 8660.

D. Approve the Agriculture in Ireland Summer 2025 Trip at a cost of \$4,709.00 per student.

E. Approve the 6th Grade NUHOP Outdoor Education Field Trip at a cost of \$195.00 per student.

F. Approve the 2024 Marching Band Trip to Orlando, FL at a cost of \$1,348.00 per student.

G. Approve the 2024-2025 VHS Course Guide with Changes.

H. Approve the Employment Action:

Retirement:

- Rebecca Van Antwerp, Teacher, effective May 30, 2025

Resignation:

- Mark Boice, VES Monitor, effective December 11, 2023.
- Gary Howell, VHS Wrestling Coach
- Robert Brown, VHS Swim Coach

I. Approve the One (1) Year Substitute Contracts for the 2023-2024 contract year to the following:

- Emery Balchak, Substitute Custodian
- Carlo Hancock, Substitute Custodian
- Kimberly Miller, Substitute Custodian
- Darrell Bailey, Substitute Bus Driver

J. Approve the step increase from Step 7 to Step 8 for Lizabeth Hugo effective January 1, 2024.

K. Approve the One (1) Year Additional Duties Contract for the 2023-204 contract year to the following:

- Daniel Walther, Asst. VHS Ski Club, Level 1, Step 6
- Brandon Gilbert, Head Coach Girls Wrestling, Level 43, Step 1

Items removed from the Consent Agenda-None

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

Dates and location of upcoming Board meetings. Meetings will be held in the Vermilion High School Commons, 1250 Sanford Street, Vermilion. (Unless otherwise noted)

- Regular Meeting - Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Regular Meeting - Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Regular Meeting - Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. German spoke in favor of the Lorain County 8 conference.

Mr. Jones spoke in favor of the Lorain County 8 conference.

Mrs. Innes moved that the Board meeting be adjourned. 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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

ATTEST:

Board President

Treasurer