

Regular Meeting of the Vermilion Local School District Board of Education
Monday, January 9, 2023
TAX BUDGET AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 5:45 PM
REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

The Tax Budget and Organizational meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

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

Mr. Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Oath of Office

BOARD BUSINESS

1.23 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve Eric Johnston, Board President to serve as President Pro-Tem for the January 9, 2023 Organizational Meeting. Mr. Habermehl seconded.

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

2.23 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board nominate Chris Habermehl as President of the Board.

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

3.23 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board nominate Shelly Innes as Vice President of the Board. Mrs. Russell seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnston, aye; Mr. Habermehl aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.

4.23 Mrs. Innes moved to appoint Krystal Russell to serve as Legislative Liaison with the Ohio School Board Association for 2023. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnston, aye; Mr. Habermehl aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.

5.23 Mr. Habermehl moved to appoint Sara Stepp to serve as Student Achievement Liaison with the Ohio School Boards Association for 2023. Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnston, aye; Mr. Habermehl aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.

6.23 Mr. Habermehl moved that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the following Standing Resolutions for 2022:

(1) To establish the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm for the **day and time of regular meetings** in 2023:

February 13, 2023	June 12, 2023	October 9, 2023
March 13, 2023	July 10, 2023	November 13, 2023
April 10, 2023	August 14, 2023	December 11, 2023
May 8, 2023	September 11, 2023	January 8, 2024 (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.

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- (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 2023 and for fiscal year 2024.
- (10) Appoint Dr. David Hile to serve on the Vermilion City Parks and Recreation Board for 2023.
- (11) Authorize the Superintendent to approve participation in state and federal programs and grants, and is authorized to appoint designees to represent Vermilion for FY24.
- (12) Authorize the Treasurer to submit the Alternative Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to the Budget Commission in a timely fashion.
- (13) Appoint the following firms as legal counsel:

Bricker and Eckler L.L.P.

Ennis Britton Co., L.P. A

Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.

Smith, Peters & Kalail Co., L.P.A.

O'Toole, McLaughlin Dooley & Pecora, Co., L.P.A.

Walter Haverfield, L.L.P

Squire, Patton Boggs, L.L.P.

- (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: Mr. Johnston, aye; Mr. Habermehl aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.

7.23 Mrs. Stepp moved that the organization meeting be adjourned. Mr. Habermehl seconded. Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnston, aye; Mr. Habermehl aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye. Motion Carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

REGULAR MEETING:

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

Mr. Habermehl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Liaison Report by Sara Stepp - Mr. Seeley presented the SMS Musical/Drama Club. Students in the drama club spoke on why they are grateful for the opportunity to be in Drama Club and putting on the first musical.

Legislative Report by Shelly Innes spoke on HB 45 which is a \$1.7 billion emergency relief fund and its impact and HB 554 regarding education licenses and changes.

PRESENTATION: Andy Stillman, Director of Athletics and State Representative Joe Miller presented commendations to Maddie Stout and Gracie Starcovic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.23 School Board Recognition Month – January 2023

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

WHEREAS, Eric Johnston, Chris Habermehl, Sara Stepp, Krystal Russell and Shelly Innes 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 a two-way communications loop 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 futures;

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 2023, as

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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH in Vermilion Local Schools I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 9th day of January, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT

9.23 Mrs. Innes moved that the Board approve the Financial Report for December 2022. Mr. Habermehl seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

10.23 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board approve the donation of \$200.00 from D. Eric Brucker to the Soccer Fund in memory of Cliff Parsons. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

11.23 Mrs. Russell moved that the Board approve the donation of \$400.00 from Darrin Schultz for the Dr. Darrin T. Schultz "Thirst for Knowledge" Scholarship. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

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

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board Meeting.
2. Approve the revisions to district policies and accompanying guidelines for first read: Policy 5111.
3. Approve the Lorain County ESC and Out of District LEA (VLSD) Title I Non-Public School Program Agreement Pooling ESEA 1117(b)(1)(J) for 2022-2023 school year.
4. Approve the **Employment Action:**
Resignation:
William Beck, Bus Driver effective January 16, 2023
5. **One (1) Year Certified Contract for 2022-2023 school year to the following:**
Emily Rich, Reading Specialist
Taylor Morris, Reading Specialist
Katie Livengood, Reading Specialist
Kaitlynne Leimbach, Reading Specialist
6. **One (1) Year Additional Duties Contract for the 2022-2023 school year to:**
Brandon Gilbert, Spencer Geil, Gary Howell, Co-Assistant Girls Wrestling Coaches
Jacob Baker, adjustment to years of service for Assistant VHS Ski Club, Level 1, Step 6
7. **One (1) Year Classified Contract for the 2022-2023 school year to:**
Donald Lowers, Bus Driver, Step 1
8. Pay Denver Shaffer and Claudia Wilson \$500.00 each from girls' basketball donation fund to aiding with Sailorway girls' basketball and pay Gerald Western \$500.00 from girls' basketball donation fund for the coordination and organization of sailor youth girls' basketball.
9. Pay John German and Dale Sergent \$1,000.00 each out of the youth wrestling donation fund for coordinating the youth wrestling program.
10. Pay Tony Hugo \$500.00 out of the bowling donation fund for helping with boys bowling.
11. Pay Cody Rice \$200.00 for writing and posting post game reports to website and social media and Shawn Ellis \$200.00 for keeping statistics for boys' basketball from the boys' basketball donation fund.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda: Emily Rich, Reading Specialist. Mrs. Russell seconded.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye.
Motion Carried.

13.23 Mrs. Stepp moved that the Board approve Emily Rich, Reading Specialist to a one (1) year Certified Contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, abstain; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.

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Dates and location of upcoming Board meetings. Board Meetings will be held in the Vermilion High School Commons 1250 Sanford St., Vermilion OH 44089. (unless noted)

Regular Meeting:	Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting:	Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Regular Meeting:	Monday, April, 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Jones spoke about students and having due process rights.
Mrs. Mosley spoke about student creating TikTok lists.
Mr. Woods spoke about students creating lists and the panic they create.
Mrs. Beyers spoke about student discipline.
Mrs. Scarvelli spoke about student transition time between classes and mental health of students.
Mrs. Pritch spoke about student lockers.

14.23 Mrs. Innes moved that the board move into Executive Session to discuss specialized details of security arrangements. Mr. Johnston seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mr. Johnston, aye. Motion Carried.
Motion Carried. Time into executive session 7:05 pm. Time returned to regular session: 9:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

ATTEST:

Treasurer

Board President