

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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, absent; Mr. Benson, present; Mr. Freeman, absent; Miss Dodge, present.

Mr. Habermehl led the Pledge of Allegiance with the November VES Citizens of the Month.

**Legislative Report** - Mrs. Russell update the Board regarding H.B. 78 which amends the Revised Code to allow retired teachers to sit on the State Teachers Retirement Board. Also, H.B. 432 which amends the Revised Code regarding the teaching of career-technical education, the STEM program of excellence designation, and student data privacy, to make corrective changes to education law, and to declare an emergency. Mrs. Russell also updated the Board on H.B. 206

which amends the Revised Code with respect to the expulsion of a student from public school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees. And lastly, S.B. 124 which amends the Revised Code to include

Space Force in the definition of the armed forces, armed services, and uniformed services of the United States.

**Student Liaison Report** - 5th and 6th grade Choir with Olivia Eldridge, Vocal Music Teacher. Students that had their Christmas musical rescheduled to Thursday, December 12th sang Jingle Bells.

**Student Board Member Report** - Miss Dodge was nominated to serve as the junior student Board member. She introduced herself and presented activities she participates in with the District.

**Public Participation on Agenda Items** - Mr. John Gabriel spoke on behalf of Graces Community Kitchen and gave a donation to support the Vermilion Local Schools AG program.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Introduction of Student Board Member Paige Dodge, Junior Class

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

**97.24** Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board to approve the Financial Report for November 2024. Mr. Habermehl seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Freeman, absent; Miss Dodge, Aye.

**98.24** Mrs. Russell motioned to the Board to approve the following donations:

- \$8,241.00 from Grace Community Kitchen to VHS for AG program and to Purchase CPR manikins and an AED trainer
- \$100.00 from Debbie Ruest to pay negative lunch balances
- \$137.00 from Vermilion Athletic Boosters to VHS Peer Leadership
- \$1,500.00 from BGSU advertising to Vermilion Athletics
- \$21.00 from OHSAA to Vermilion Athletics
- Rudy and Sara Stepp/ Vermilion Taverns in the amount of \$1,090.75 for the Great Lake Shake Luncheon at SMS

Mr. Benson seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Freeman, absent; Miss Dodge, Aye.

**99.24** Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board to approve authorizing the Treasurer to pay the Science of Ready stipends to teachers in the amount of \$400.00 or 1,200.00 according to the requirements set forth by House Bill 33, the state operating budget.

Mr. Habermehl seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Freeman, absent; Miss Dodge, Aye.

**100.24** Mrs. Russell motioned to the Board to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**A.** Approve the minutes of the Regular meeting for November 11, 2024 and the Special meeting of November 25, 2024.

**B.** Approve the revision of District policies for the seconded read:

0100, 0142.1, 0151, 0152, 0155, 0163, 0164, 0165, 0165.1, 0165.2, 0166, 0167.2, 0167.7, 0173, 4120.08, 4121, 5131, 5136, 5136.01, 5200, 5500, 5780, 6220, 6320,

6460, 7530.01V1, 7530.02, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.09, 8310, 9160, 1130, 3113, 4113, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450

**C.** Approve the revision of District policies for the first read: 1520, remove 1542, 2265 and 3120.09

**D.** Approve the 8th Grade Washington DC trip May 12-14, 2025 at a cost of \$596.00 per student.

**E.** Approve the VHS Ski Club day trip to Holiday Valley on January 10, 2025 and Peek'n Peak, NY on February 14, 2025 weather permitting at a cost of \$180-\$250.00 per student.

**F.** Approve the Educational Services Agreement for students on scholarships and receiving educational or supplemental services paid by the District of Residence with New Story Schools until May 29, 2025 at a cost of \$4,800.00 per month.

**G.** Approve the Employment Action:

Retirement:

- Michelle Haber, SMS Intervention Specialist, effective May 30, 2025
- Lynette Lias, VES Music, effective May 30, 2024

Resignations:

- Peter Westropp, VES Monitor, effective November 15, 2024
- Jacob Christopher, Bus Driver Sub, effective October 3, 2024

**H.** Approve the One (1) year 2024-2025 Additional Duties Contract for the following Certified Staff:

- Brenna Varga, VHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, L22, Step 0
- Jennifer Higley, NYC Overnight Chaperone, L0, Step 1
- Stacey Webb, NYC Overnight Chaperone, L0, Ste 2
- Marlayna Jacinto, NYC Overnight Chaperone, L0, Step 4

**I.** Approve the One (1) year 2024-2025 Supplemental Non-Teaching Contract for the following:

- Ethan Thomas, Assistant Speech and Debate Advisor, L9, Step 2
- Owen Kyser, VHS Assistant Wrestling Coach, L22, Step 0
- Kennedy Naill, SMS Assistant Basketball Cheer Advisor, Correction L15, Step 2
- Richard Bodeker, VHS Assistant Soccer, L15, Step 6

**J.** Approve the One (1) year 2024-2025 Classified Limited Contract to: Rita Kopronica, VHS Food Service, L2

**K.** Approve the One (1) year 2024-2025 Certified Limited Contract to: Valerie Orlandi, L4, Step 9

Mr. Benson seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye; Mr. Freeman, absent; Miss Dodge, Aye.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - NONE**

Dates and location of upcoming Board Meetings. Meetings will be held in the Vermilion High School Commons, 1250 Sanford St. Vermilion at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

- Regular Meeting - Monday, January 13, 2025
- Organization and Regular Meeting - February 10, 2025
- Regular Meeting -March 10, 2024

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**

**101.24** Mrs. Innes moved that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for matter required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules, and state statutes by division (G)(5) of section 101.22 of the Revised Code. Mr. Benson seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye  
Time Entered 6:26 pm Time adjourned 7:28 pm

**102.24** Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Benson seconded. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Habermehl, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Stepp, absent; Mr. Benson, aye  
Time adjourned 7:29 pm

**ATTEST:**

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**Board President**

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**Treasurer**

