

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF VIRGINIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64, CASS COUNTY, WHICH WAS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025, IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH AT 7:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: AUTUMN FOSTER, KYLE MYERS, GARY BELL, SARAH BROCKHOUSE (VIA PHONE) AND CASEY FRENCH. MARC GIOVANNINI AND DUSTIN FRITSCHKE WERE ABSENT.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL PAULA STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY JENNY PETEFISH AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY ALL THAT WERE PRESENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF ACTION ITEM C. ROLL CALL:

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| GIOVANNINI, ABSENT | FRITSCHKE, ABSENT |
| MYERS, YES         | BELL, YES         |
| BROCKHOUSE, YES    | FOSTER, YES       |
| FRENCH, YES        |                   |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2025, THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2025, AND AUGUST 11, 2025. THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2025, AND THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS OF AUGUST 4, 2025, AND AUGUST 11, 2025. ROLL CALL:

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| BROCKHOUSE, YES    | FRITSCHKE, ABSENT |
| FOSTER, YES        | BELL, YES         |
| GIOVANNINI, ABSENT | MYERS, YES        |
| FRENCH, YES        |                   |

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION REPORTS MRS. STEWART GAVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE START OF THE YEAR AND REALLY APPRECIATES THE WARM WELCOME SHE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE STAFF.

ITEMS MRS. NEATHERY HIGHLIGHTED FROM HER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WERE THE ISBE STATE ASSESSMENT PROFICIENCY LEVELS THAT HAVE RECENTLY ADJUSTED AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE 2025 SCHOOL REPORT CARD. SHE ALSO SHARED THE HVAC PROJECT IS COMPLETE WITH ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR THE STAFF.

AN UPDATED FOIA REPORT WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS THE TENTATIVE FY26 BUDGET, WITH THE BUDGET HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, AT 7 P.M. PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES AT 7:11 PM. ROLL CALL:

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| BROCKHOUSE, YES | GIOVANNINI, ABSENT |
| FRITSCH, YES    | BELL, YES          |
| FOSTER, YES     | MYERS, YES         |
| FRENCH, ABSENT  |                    |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION @ 7:28 PM. ROLL CALL:

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| BELL, YES   | FRITSCH, ABSENT    |
| MYERS, YES  | GIOVANNINI, ABSENT |
| FOSTER, YES | BROCKHOUSE, YES    |
| FRENCH, YES |                    |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY ISSUE 119 ( 2:80, 2:120 E2, 2:130, 2:220-E4, 2:220 E7, 7:140, 7:300, 8:80, 2:120 E1, 2:220 E9, 2:240 E1, 2:240 E2, 1:10, 1:30, 2:10, 2:240, 3:30, 4:50, 4:90, 4:180, 5:270, 7:40, 7:9, 7:130, 7:325, 8:110). ROLL CALL:

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| FOSTER, YES        | BROCKHOUSE, YES |
| FRITSCH, ABSENT    | BELL, YES       |
| GIOVANNINI, ABSENT | MYERS, YES      |
| FRENCH, YES        |                 |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF PAULA BELOBRAJDIC-STEWART TO BE ADDED TO THE PETEFISH SKILES BANK ACCOUNTS. ROLL CALL:

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| BELL, YES   | FRITSCH, ABSENT    |
| MYERS, YES  | GIOVANNINI, ABSENT |
| FOSTER, YES | BROCKHOUSE, YES    |
| FRENCH, YES |                    |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED (HIRING LINDA BROWN AS A LONG-TERM SUB FOR JR. HIGH MATH 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER EFFECTIVE 09/02/2025, JESSICA ORR AS DISTRICT COOK EFFECTIVE 8/18/2025, DARIN WATERS AS SUB BUS DRIVER EFFECTIVE 8/18/2025, CHRISTINA BINGHAM AS HEAD COOK EFFECTIVE 8/21/2025 AND JOE O'NIEL AS ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACH EFFECTIVE 8/18/25. THE BOARD ALSO ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF MINDI COFFMAN AS HEAD COOK EFFECTIVE 08/20/2025. ROLL CALL:

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| BELL,   | YES | FRITSCHÉ,   | ABSENT |
| MYERS,  | YES | BROCKHOUSE, | YES    |
| FOSTER, | YES | GIOVANNINI, | ABSENT |
| FRENCH, | YES |             |        |

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:31 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

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CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

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DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

