

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, MARCH 18, 2024 IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH AT 7:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: SARAH BROCKHOUSE, BETH COX, CASEY FRENCH, MARC GIOVANNINI, DUSTIN FRITSCHKE AND GARY BELL. STEPHANIE HOBROCK WAS ABSENT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, PK-5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL JEFF BOURNE AND 6-12 PRINCIPAL JAKE STEWART. OTHER VISITORS INCLUDED LINDA BROWN, KRISTY EDWARDS, JOE EDWARDS, DEVIN CAVE, EMMA LYONS, DREA EDWARDS, PAYTEN PETEFISH, JENNIE BIRDSSELL AND NEWS REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE CARTY.

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

MRS. JENNIE BIRDSSELL AND MEMBERS OF THE FFA WERE PRESENT THIS MONTH AS THE REDBIRD HIGHLIGHT. MRS. BIRDSSELL GAVE AN UPDATE ON VARIOUS THINGS THE FFA HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH LATELY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THEY HAD ACHIEVED. ITEMS INCLUDED STATE DEGREE RECOGNITION (FIRST SINCE 1969 WITH DEVIN CAVE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION AND EMMA LYONS DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION) WINNING THE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION AND ADVANCING TO STATE IN MAY, SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES, FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED WITH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND WINNING THE SUNRISE FS SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
FRITSCHKE,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
BELL,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
GIOVANNINI,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024, AND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024. ROLL CALL:

GIOVANNINI,	YES	FRITSCHKE,	YES
HOBROCK,	ABSENT	BELL,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
COX,	YES		

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS: CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MET AND DISCUSSED DUAL CREDIT CLASSES, INDEPENDENT STUDY, CHANGES IN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEW HS SCIENCE CURRICULUM.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS: A FEW ADDED ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE BIKES FOR BOOKS KICK OFF SPONSORED BY THE MASONIC TEMPLE AND THE HS NHS BLOOD DRIVE IN APRIL.

ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WERE: GRANTS FOR LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS, COMPUTER SCIENCE GRANT, SECURED EXTRA FUNDING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BEING WITH THE SCHUYLER INDUSTRY/RUSHVILLE COMMUNITY.

FOIA REQUEST FOR THE MONTH WAS FULFILLED VIA EMAIL ON PURCHASING DOCUMENTATION.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS THE CONSOLIDATED GRANT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

1<sup>ST</sup> READ OF THE UPDATED BOARD POLICY 6:240 REGARDING SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS. THE CHANGE MADE TO THE POLICY BY THE BOARD IS THAT STUDENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TAKE SENIOR TRIPS AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHER AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR. ROLL CALL:

BELL,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	GIOVANNINI,	YES
FRITSCHER,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
COX,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE IHSA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR 2024-2025. ROLL CALL:

BELL,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
GIOVANNINI,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRITSCHER,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
COX,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS (CDW-G). ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
FRITSCHER,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
BELL,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
GIOVANNINI,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE SCOREBOARD FROM NEVCO. ROLL CALL:

BELL,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
GIOVANNINI,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRITSCHER,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
COX,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHER AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE BID FOR EQUIPMENT/INSTALLATION FOR THE INTERCOM SYSTEM WITH MMC. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	ABSENT
FRITSCHER,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
BELL,	YES	FRENCH,	YES
GIOVANNINI,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE MCGRAW HILL SCIENCE CURRICULUM. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE, YES	HOBROCK, ABSENT
GIOVANNINI, YES	COX, YES
FRITSCHÉ, YES	FRENCH, YES
BELL, YES	

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP). ROLL CALL:

COX, YES	HOBROCK, ABSENT
FRITSCHÉ, YES	BROCKHOUSE, YES
BELL, YES	FRENCH, YES
GIOVANNINI, YES	

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED, AND NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES 2) COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION MATTERS AT 7:31 PM. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE, YES	FRITSCHÉ, YES
GIOVANNINI, YES	BELL, YES
COX, YES	FRENCH, YES
HOBROCK, ABSENT	

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:23 PM. ROLL CALL:

GIOVANNINI, YES	HOBROCK, ABSENT
BROCKHOUSE, YES	COX, YES
FRITSCHÉ, YES	FRENCH, YES
BELL, YES	

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL:

COX, YES	HOBROCK, ABSENT
FRITSCHÉ, YES	BROCKHOUSE, YES
BELL, YES	FRENCH, YES
GIOVANNINI, YES	

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:24 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

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CASEY FRENCH, BOARD PRESIDENT

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DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

