

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, MAY 15, 2023 IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD#64 MEDIA CENTER.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, PRINCIPALS JEFF BOURNE AND JAKE STEWART, LINDA BROWN, CONNIE WERTZ, THE SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM AND PARENTS AND NEWS MEDIA JAN MCGOVERN.

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

RECEPTION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE WERE NOTED.

THE BOARD RECOGNIZED THE JR HIGH SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDING A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

KRISTY EDWARDS (COACH) SPOKE ABOUT THE SEASON, EACH OF THE MEMBERS (TJ LITTLE, JACK BROCKHOUSE, ADDY HUGHES, SOPHIA HORTON, MADALYN WHITEHEAD, DREA EDWARDS, SAWYER EDWARDS AND NIKKI MOON) AND THE AWARDS THEY RECEIVED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCH AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL:

HOBROCK,	YES	FRITSCH,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023, THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2023 AND THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE	YES	FRITSCH,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	MATHENEY,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THIS MONTH.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS PRESENTED BY MR. BOURN, MR. STEWART AND MRS. NEATHERY WERE DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THIS MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

- 1) THE TRIPLE III CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSED IT THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO OR STAY LOCAL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT VIA IASB PRESENTATIONS OR LOCAL NETWORKING SESSIONS.
- 2) THE 2023 GRADUATION AND PROMOTION CEREMONIES.
- 3) THE 2023-2024 STUDENT HANDBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS (CLASSIFICATION OF EXCUSED VS UNEXCUSED ABSENCES). THE BOARD DISCUSSED IF THEY SHOULD STAY WITH THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF 5 UNDOCUMENTED DAYS FOR THE YEAR OR GO BACK TO PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF 5 UNDOCUMENTED DAYS A SEMESTER. THE BOARD DECIDED TO GO BACK WITH THE PREVIOUS POLICY OF 5 DAYS A SEMESTER THAT WAS IN PLACE PREVIOUSLY.
- 4) THE 2023-2024 EXTRACURRICULAR HANDBOOK UPDATES AND THE FY 23 AMENDED BUDGET HEARING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. MATHENEY TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND/OR NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES AT 7:55 PM. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BELL,	YES
COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:39 PM. ROLL CALL:

HOBROCK,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE SECOND READ AND CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICIES 2:110, 4:60, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:150, 5:260, 6:135, 6:230, 8:20, 4:40, 5:285, 6:210 AND 8:70. ROLL CALL:

BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	COX,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MR. MATHENEY TO APPROVE THE 3 YEAR RENEWAL WITH FRANKLIN COVEY. ROLL CALL:

HOBROCK,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	MATHENEY,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

MRS. NEATHERY SPOKE ABOUT THE COOP AGREEMENT FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH TRIOPIA AND MEREDOSIA. THE COOP WILL BE A 2 YEAR AGREEMENT WITH LANGUAGE ADJUSTMENT ADDING 2 HOME VARSITY VOLLEYBALL GAMES AT VIRGINIA STARTING WITH THE 2023-2024 SEASON.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE COOP AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

MRS. NEATHERY DISCUSSED THE 2022-2023 CALENDAR THAT NEEDS UPDATED DUE TO THE EMERGENCY DAY USED FOR NO ELECTRICITY IN THE BUILDING IN FEBRUARY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. ROLL CALL:

HOBROCK,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

MRS. NEATHERY DISCUSSED THE UPDATED ARP ESSER III SPENDING PLAN. THE DISTRICT UTILIZES THIS FUNDING TO SUPPORT IDENTIFIED NEEDS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE UPDATED ARP ESSER III SPENDING PLAN. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	MATHENEY,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE VIRGINIA CUSD#64 STRATEGIC PLAN. ROLL CALL:

HOBROCK,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

MRS. NEATHERY DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF AN ACTIVITY BUS FOR THE DISTRICT. THE ACTIVITY BUS WILL ALLOW MORE CAPACITY TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE ACTIVITY BUS. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE ESSA SCHOOLWIDE PLAN. ROLL CALL:

MATHENEY,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP WITH AIRSS. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

MRS. NEATHERY DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD ABOUT THE AGREEMENT WITH PEPSICO. THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR 5 YEARS AND THE SCHOOL WOULD RECEIVE \$2,000 ANNUALLY FROM PEPSI IN ADDITION TO REBATES ON PRODUCTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH PEPSICO. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF NON-RENEWAL OF A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. ROLL CALL:

MATHENEY,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF NON-RENEWAL OF DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES. ROLL CALL:

BROCKHOUSE,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
MATHENEY,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. MATHENEY TO APPROVE THE PERSONEL REPORT AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL:

MATHENEY,	YES	HOBROCK,	YES
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	BELL,	YES
FRENCH,			

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

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DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

