

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, JULY 21, 2025, IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER 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 JUNE 23, 2025, AND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2025. ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE PROVIDED FOR THE MONTH.

ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED AND DISCUSSED IN MRS. NEATHERY'S SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WERE THE ADDITION OF A GRANT FROM CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HELP WITH COACHING/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR 6TH GRADERS AND THE HVAC SYSTEM BEING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THIS MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE THE PRE-K POSITION PARENT COORDINATOR. IT WILL BE A PART TIME POSITION HELPING WITH FAMILY NIGHTS AND OUTREACH AND THE CHANGE WITH SCHOOL CODE REGARDING TEACHER/PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS AND STUDENT GROWTH.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:31 PM. ROLL CALL:

GIOVANNINI,	ABSENT	BROCKHOUSE,	YES
BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	YES
MYERRS,	YES	FRENCH,	ABSENT
FOSTER,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COVEY (GRANT FUNDED). ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS.FOSTER TO APPROVE THE FIRST READ OF PRESS POLICY ISSUE 119 AS LISTED WITHIN THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS RURAL AND SMALL SCHOOLS (AIRSS). ROLL CALL:

BELL,	YES	GIOVANNINI,	ABSENT
BROCKHOUSE,	YES	MEYERS,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	YES	FOSTER,	YES
FRENCH,	ABSENT		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MYERS AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 STAFF HANDBOOKS AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO APPROVE THE FEES AS PRESENTED FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO APPROVE THE ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2029 AND CLOSE THE CLASS OF 2026. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF JEFF BOURNE FROM PETEFISH AND SKILES ACCOUNTS. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. FOSTER TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED. HIRING JEREMIAH ROBERTS AS LONG-TERM SUB FOR HS ELA EFFECTIVE 08/12/2025. CHRISTINA BRUNK, CHRISTINA BINGHAM AND MINDI COFFMAN AS DISTRICT COOKS EFFECTIVE 07/21/2025, JENNIFER PETEFISH CORRECTED FY26 BOARD STIPEND EFFECTIVE 07/01/2025, MELISSA HARDWICK AS NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY SPONSOR EFFECTIVE 08/12/2025, MIKE COX AS VOLUNTEER COACH FOR HS GOLF, NICHOLE RING AS VOLUNTEER COACH FOR JR-SR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY AND DANIEL VANMETER AS VOLUNTEER HS GOLF COACH ALL EFFECTIVE 07/21/2025. ALSO ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KYLE MYERS AS BASS FISHING COACH AND ADJUSTING IT TO VOLUNTEER COACH EFFECTIVE 07/21/2025. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KYLE MYERS AS BASS FISHING COACH AND REASSIGNMENT AS A VOLUNTEER COACH. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. FOSTER AND SECONDED BY MR. MYERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

