

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, FEBRUARY 26, 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: MARC GIOVANNINI, SARAH BROCKHOUSE ,CASEY FRENCH, BETH COX, GARY BELL , DUSTIN FRITSCH AND STEPHANIE HOBROCK.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, PK-5 PRINCIPAL JEFF BOURNE AND 6-12 PRINCIPAL JAKE STEWART. OTHER VISITORS INCLUDED LINDA BROWN, STEVE CLARK, HEATHER CRIVALARE AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY.

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

STEVE CLARK SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE GOOD TURN OUT FOR THE MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL.

MRS. HEATHER CRIVALARE WAS THE REDBIRD SPOTLIGHT FOR THE MONTH. SHE ADDED INFORMATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE HS SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM AND THE MASONIC ACADEMIC BOWL, HOSTED BY VIRGINIA. SHE ALSO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW ON WORK BEING DONE BY THE JR. SR. HIGH LIGHTHOUSE TEAM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: ITEM C. WEIGHT ROOM UNDER DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCH AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2024. ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED DURING ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: BOOKS FOR BIKES, BOOK BLAST, ISBE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE CEP PROGRAM.

MR. JAKE STEWART SPOKE TO THE BOARD THANKING THEM AND THE STAFF FOR HIS TIME AT VIRGINIA.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES 2) COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION MATTERS 14) REVIEW OF MAY 2022-DECEMBER 2023 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES IN PURSUANT OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT AT 7:23 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:02 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

- 1) INFORMATION FROM GRAHAM AND HYDE REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF THE TRACK. THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE PULVERIZING THE CURRENT TRACK AND ADDING 3-4" OF ASPHALT TO THE TOP ALONG WITH A SYNTHETIC TOP. THE RENOVATION IS ESTIMATED TO COST BETWEEN \$450,000- \$550,000. THE BOARD HAS ASKED MRS. NEATHERY TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION AS WELL AS FUNDING OPTIONS TO HELP WITH THE COST FOR THE DISTRICT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
- 2) POLICY 6:240 FIELD TRIPS AND RECREATIONAL CLASS TRIPS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING WITH MORE INFORMATION GATHERED.
- 3) A MATTER BROUGHT FORWARD BY PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH IN REGARDS TO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS BEING ABLE TO USE THE WEIGHT ROOM AT THE SCHOOL. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE IDEA AND ASKED MRS. NEATHERY TO GATHER FURTHER INFO ON LEGAL AND INSURANCE QUESTIONS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CASS COUNTY CEO PROGRAM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE SECOND READ OF POLICY 5:330. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE PEHLMAN AND DOLD FY24 AUDIT. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APROVE THE HEALTH LIFE SAFETY WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY THOMPSON ELECTRONICS (SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT HLS FUNDS). ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (MAY 2022-DECEMBER 2023) TO KEEP THEM CLOSED. ROLL CALL:

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

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHKE TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JAKE STEWART. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL 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 8:33 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:11 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:11 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCH, SECRETARY

