

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, DECEMBER 18, 2023, IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

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

AS PART OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING, FUND BALANCES WERE REVIEWED WITH THE BOARD AS WELL AS CASH VALUE AMOUNT OF THE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT WITH PETEFISH SKILES AND CO.

AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY MR. FRENCH ASKED IF THE BOARD MEMBERS/PUBLIC HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS NOTED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO CLOSE THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:04 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH CALLED THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT SARAH BROCKHOUSE, BETH COX, DUSTIN FRITSCHKE, GARY BELL, STEPHANIE HOBROCK, AND CASEY FRENCH. MARC GIOVANNINI WAS ABSENT.

ALSO, PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, JR/SR PRINCIPAL JAKE STEWART, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JEFF BOURNE, LINDA BROWN, AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY.

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

MR. FRENCH ASKED THE BOARD AND OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT TO JOIN HIM IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE BELL FAMILY.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023, AND APPROVE AND SEAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2023. ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO REPORT ON THIS MONTH.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND A “SHOUT OUT” TO STAFF MEMBERS FOR ALWAYS WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THINGS ACCOMPLISHED. ALSO, DISCUSSED WERE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS EXEMPT FROM FINALS, ABOUT HALF THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO OPT OUT OF THEIR FINALS. MRS. NEATHERY UPDATED THE BOARD ON INFORMATION SHE HAD RECENTLY GAINED ABOUT ISBE AND FUTURE UPDATES COMING.

ONE FOIA REQUEST RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH THAT WAS SUBMITTED.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THE EXTRA CURRICULAR COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MEET THE FIRST PART OF JANUARY 2024, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN JANUARY AND THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WILL SET A DATE FOR MARCH.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHKE TO APPROVE THE LOAN FOR BUS LEASE GOING WITH OPTION 3 AS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD PACKET.

ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE BIDS FOR THE KITCHEN SUPPLY ITEMS AS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD PACKET. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE VIRGINIA CUSD#64 RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE 2023 TAX LEVY. ROLL CALL:

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

MRS. NEATHERY AND THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE FIRST READ OF POLICIES 2:20, 2:120, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220 – E2, 2:220 – E6, 4:10, 4:30, 4:60, 4:130, 4:130-E, 4:160, 5:30, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:30, 6:50, 6:60, 6:230, 7:60, 7:70, 7:160, 7:190, 7:270, 7:285, 7:290 AND 8:30. THE SECOND READING AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES WILL BE AT NEXT MONTH’S MEETING.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] AT 7:38 PM TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND/OR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:18 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:29 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCHKE, SECRETARY

