

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 19, 2022 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 KARA LYNCH, JOANIE BELL, BETH COX, GARY BELL, STEPHANIE HOBROCK, AND CASEY FRENCH. DUSTIN FRITSCHKE 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 2022 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. COX TO CLOSE THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:07 PM.

HOBROCK,	YES	COX,	YES
FRITSCHKE,	ABSENT	G BELL,	YES
J BELL,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH CALLED THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:08 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT KARA LYNCH, JOANIE BELL, BETH COX, GARY BELL, STEPHANIE HOBROCK, AND CASEY FRENCH. DUSTIN FRITSCHKE WAS ABSENT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, JR/SR PRINCIPAL JAKE STEWART, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JEFF BOURNE, LINDA BROWN, EMILY PRATT, ERIC HAYS, MATT WERNER, JEFF BENNETT, BRADY HILDEBRAND AND NEWS MEDIA SUSAN MCDEVIT.

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

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS: CONNIE WERTZ SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH. SHE READ A LETTER FROM A STUDENT REQUESTING A CLASS TO HELP DEAL WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND COPING.

EMILY PRATT REPRESENTED THE SENIOR CLASS TONIGHT IN PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2023 CLASS TRIP IDEAS AND AGENDA. THE TRIP WILL BE TO PIGEON FORGE, TN. JUNE 9-1, 2023 AND APPROXIMATELY 14 STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING WITH 3 CHAPERONES.

MATT WERNER SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE ACADEMIC BOWL THE MASONIC LODGE SPONSORS, VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AND HIS CONCERNS ABOUT INVESTING MORE MONEY INTO THE TRACK.

THERE WERE NO DELETIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

COX,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHKE,	ABSENT	J BELL,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022. ROLL CALL:

LYNCH,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
HOBROCK,	YES	G BELL,	YES
J BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE VUMC DONATIONS FOR TEACHERS WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL, THE REDBIRD CLUB PROPOSAL AND THE KITCHEN BEING SELECTED FOR AN AUDIT.

KARA LYNCH WAS RECOGNIZED FOR BEING AN DISTINGUISHED BOARD MEMBER.

THERE WERE NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THIS MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE OPTIONS AND NUMBERS FOR THE TRACK. THE MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE GAVE AN UPDATE ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THEIR LAST MEETING. MRS. NEATHERY IS GOING TO GATHER BIDS ON ALL OPTIONS DISCUSSED AND PRESENT THEM AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE FY 2022 AUDIT. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT	J BELL,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	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:

J BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE 2022 TAX LEVY. ROLL CALL:

LYNCH,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
HOBROCK,	YES	J BELL,	YES
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MS. LYNCH TO APPROVE THE HEALTH AND LIFE SAFETY SURVEY SERVICES PROVIDED BY GRAHAM AND HYDE. ROLL CALL:

J BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION OF GRAHAM AND HYDE TO BEGIN THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE FLOORING PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH FY23 MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND LOCAL FUNDS. ROLL CALL:

LYNCH,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
HOBROCK,	YES	J BELL,	YES
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE MOU REGARDING BEREAVEMENT DAYS. ROLL CALL:

J BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR TRIP TO PIGEON FORGE, TN JUNE 9-11, 2023. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT	J BELL,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE FIRST READ AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES 2:150, 2:250, 3:10, 4:55, 5:170, 5:190, 5:260, 6:130 AND 6:270. ROLL CALL:

J BELL,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

THE BOARD WENT OVER AND REVIEWED THE FIRST READ OF BOARD POLICIES 2:100, 2:105, 2:210, 2:210, 2:265, 4:10, 4:140, 4:165, 5:20, 5:120, 5:220, 5:250, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:65, 6:250, 6:255, 6:260, AP E, 6:310, 6:340, 7:50, 7:70, 7:100, 7:180, 7:250, 7:285, 7:290 AND 7:340. FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] AT 7:46 PM TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND/OR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF [5 ILCS 120/2 (C)]14) DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLOSED UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT . ROLL CALL:

J BELL,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. BELL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:27 PM. ROLL CALL:

LYNCH,	YES	FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT
HOBROCK,	YES	J BELL,	YES
G BELL,	YES	COX,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

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

COX,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT	J BELL,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	YES
FRENCH,	YES		

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2022, AUGUST 15, 2022, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, OCTOBER 17, 2022, OCTOBER 22, 2022, AND NOVEMBER 21, 2022. ROLL CALL:

COX,	YES	G BELL,	YES
FRITSCHÉ,	ABSENT	J BELL,	YES
HOBROCK,	YES	LYNCH,	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

KARA LYNCH, SECRETARY

