

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, OCTOBER 21, 2024 IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, 6-12 PRINCIPAL MATT OWENS, LINDA BROWN, HEATHER CRIVILARE, SENIOR STUDENTS, JACOB HOLLY, AUTUMN HARRIS, JEFF WAID, JESSICA WAID AND KAREN MCCLURE.

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

DURING RECEPTION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT, KAREN MCCLURE PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A \$100,000.00 DONATION FOR USE WITH THE NEW TRACK CONSTRUCTION AND UPDATES.

ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR CLASS, STUDENT LINDY PARLIER PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IDEAS AND PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR TRIP. IF APPROVED BY THE BOARD THE CLASS WILL BE GOING TO DESTIN, FL. IN MAY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF 2) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2023. ROLL CALL:

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

MR. GIOVANNINI AND MR. FRITSCHÉ GAVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LATEST BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING. ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE BUILDING MAINTENANCE, AND POTENTIAL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT. MORE WILL BE COLLECTED AND BROUGHT TO THE BOARD.

MR. OWENS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE CELL PHONE POLICY SURVEY WITH THE BOARD. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED CORBIN BECK AND ALAIS ANDERSON FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE STATE MEET AND THROUGHTOUT THEIR SEASON WITH THE JH CROSS COUNTRY TEAM.

ITEMS MRS. NEATHERY HIGHLIGHTED DURING HER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WERE HONORING MR. OWENS AND MR. BOURNE FOR THEIR HARDWORK AND DEDICATION IN RECOGNITION OF ILLINOIS PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION WEEK. THE SUCCESS WE HAD WITH STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, THE 2024 ILLINOIS SCHOOL REPORT CARD THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF OCTOBER, THE BREAKFAST EXTENSION GRANT, UPDATE ON ALL NEW BUSES ARRIVING AT THE SCHOOL AND THE SCREEN SANITY PARENT NIGHT HOSTED AT THE SCHOOL.

THERE WERE NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE THE IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ITEMS AND THE FY25 SCHOOL MAINTENACE GRANT. THE BOARD ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMTATION ON ITEMS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE APPLICATION AND BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)] TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF. 10) MATTERS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUENTS 2) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS AT 7:35 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:25 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE PERSONEL REPORT AS PRESENTED. HIRING DAWN CUBA AS A 1:1 SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVE 10/21/24, BROOKLYN STIEFEL AS A PAID STUDENT INTERNSHIP (SHORT TERM OCTOBER-DECEMBER PAID THROUGH TEACHER VACANCY GRANT) EFFECTIVE 10/21/2024, ANGIE BROWN AS A SENIOR TRIP SPONSOR EFFECTIVE 10/21/2024 AND ASHLEY CLEMENT AS A JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL VOLUNTEER COACH EFFECTIVE 10/21/2024. FMLA WAS APPROVED FOR STEVE CLARK AS BUS DRIVER EFFECTIVE 10/4/2024-12/27/2024 AND FOR JILL DAY AS PE/HEALTH TEACHER EFFECTIVE 2/16/2024-4/14/2025. THE BOARD ACCEPTED WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE RING AS SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVE 10/4/2024. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF THE IMPREST FUND AT PETEFISH SKILES AND CO. BANK.ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE ABATEMENT OF \$150,000 WORKING CASH TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE CASEY FRENCH AS THE IASB DELEGATE. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP TO HANNIBAL, MO. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR TRIP. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCH, SECRETARY

