

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, JANUARY 13, 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 PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH AT 7:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: CASEY FRENCH, SARAH BROCKHOUSE, GARY BELL, STEPHANIE HOBROCK, DUSTIN FRITSCHKE AND MARC GIOVANNINI. BETH COX WAS ABSENT.

ALSO, PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, JH/HS PRINCIPAL MATT OWENS, LINDA BROWN AND KARA LYNCH.

RECEPTIONS OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

PARENT, KARA LYNCH SPOKE TO THE BOARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COOP. SHE STATED THAT SHE AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH TRIOPIA AS SHE HAS CONCERNS THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN A TEAM OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. ALSO CONCERNS OF FINDING AND BUILDING AN ADEQUATE SCHEDULE FOR THE TEAM AND OVERALL, A GOOD PARTNERSHIP WITH TRIOPIA. SHE ALSO ASKED FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTING FLAG FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2024, AND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2024, ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THIS MONTH.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: MR. OWENS UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEADER IN ME WITHIN THE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN PLANNED DURING THE REMAINING SIP SESSIONS THIS SEMESTER. MRS. NEATHERY SHARED WITH THE BOARD INFORMATION FROM THE MOST RECENT BENCHMARK TESTING COMPLETED FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-11 IN DECEMBER. SHE ALSO SHARED UPDATES REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) AND THE CONTINUED PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: NATE FRETZ PRESENTED FINANCING OPTIONS FOR CAPITAL/HEALTH LIFE SAFETY PROJECTS AND ALAN CHURCHMAN WITH OMNI REVIEWED DIFFERENT HVAC OPTIONS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION [ILCS 120/2/ (C)] 1) TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED STAFF AT 8:10 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:33 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VISION 2030. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED HIRING BROOKLYN STIEFEL AS A TITLE 1 TUTOR EFFECTIVE 1/14/2025 AND ETHAN CARPENTER AS THE E-SPORTS SPONSOR EFFECTIVE 1/14/2025. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GIOVANNINI AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE DESTRUCTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS OLDER THAN 18 MONTHS. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CHANGING OF THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING TO FEBRUARY 24, 2025. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

