

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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 IN THE VIRGINIA CUSD 64 MEDIA CENTER.

PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH OPENED THE FY 25 BUDGET HEARING MEETING AT 7:00 PM.

MRS. NEATHERY PRESENTED THE FY25 BUDGET INCLUDING CURRENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS THAT THE DISTRICT HAS AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING. AFTER DISCUSSING THE ITEMS ON THE BUDGET, PRESIDENT FRENCH ASKED THE BOARD AND GUESTS IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS. BEING NONE, PRESIDENT FRENCH MOVED TO CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING.

A MOTION WAS MADE MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHKE TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET HEARING AT 7:09 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH AT 7:09 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: MARC GIOVANNINI, GARY BELL, SARAH BROCKHOUSE, STEPHANIE HOBROCK, BETH COX, DUSTIN FRITSCHKE, AND CASEY FRENCH.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, PRINCIPALS MATT OWENS AND JEFF BOURNE, JENNIE BIRDELL, LINDA BROWN AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY WITH THE STAR GAZETTE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEPHANIE BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MARC GIOVANNINI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT , FINANCIAL REPORTS AND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2024, AND THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2024 MEETING. ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH THE PRINCIPAL REPORTS WERE STUDENT LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, LEADER AND ME FOR JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL AND HOSTING 3 EVENTS FOR HOMECOMING (PARADE, FIELD DAY GAMES AND THE HOMECOMING DANCE).

MRS. NEATHERY UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE TRACK. THE PROJECT IS DUE TO START IN OCTOBER. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT WAS THE CARBON FREE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WERE THE STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT, POTENTIAL PROJECTS VIA THE FY25 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT AND TWO RIVER IASB INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHKE 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 7:33 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BELL AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:49 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE FY 2025 BUDGET. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE SECOND READ OF BOARD POLICIES 2:260, 5:100, 7:20, 7:185 AND 2:265. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP TO CHICAGO.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE FFA TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE GRANT FUNDED PROPOSAL BY BATTELLE FOR KIDS (PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE/ROAD AP AND EDLEADER21 SERVICES). ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED HIRING JILLIAN HULCHER AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVE 9/16/24 AND APPROVING THE RESIGNATION OF PAUL MORTON AS A S SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVE 9/16/24 AND THE RESIGNATION OF HEATHER LYONS AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVE 9/7/24. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

DUSTIN FRITSCHÉ, SECRETARY

