

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, JULY 15, 2024 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 BOARD PRESIDENT CASEY FRENCH AT 7:00 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: STEPHANIE HOBROCK, BETH COX, GARY BELL, SARAH BROCKHOUSE, DUSTIN FRITSCHKE, AND CASEY FRENCH. MARC GIOVANNINI WAS ABSENT.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT MEKELLE NEATHERY, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JEFF BOURNE, JR. SR. HIGH PRINCIPAL MATT OWENS, LINDA BROWN, JENNIE BIRDSSELL AND NEWS MEDIA MICHELLE CARTY.

DURING RECEPTION OF VISITORS MRS. JENNIE BIRDSSELL GAVE AN UPDATE TO THE BOARD ABOUT THE THINGS THE FFA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH. SHE RECOGNIZED DEVIN CAVE, WILLIAM PETLA AND NATHAN AYRES FOR THINGS THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED AND RECEIVED AWARDS. MRS. BIRDSSELL ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE FFA CONVENTION AND WHAT THE KIDS DID DURING THEIR TIME THERE.

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

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE BILLS, PAYROLL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS, THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2024, THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2024, THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2024 AND THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2024. ROLL CALL:

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

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE PROVIDED FOR THE MONTH.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS: MR. BOURNE GAVE AN UPDATE TO THE BOARD ABOUT ESTABLISHING THE NEW SENSORY ROOM MRS. STAUFFER AND MRS. SAATHOFF HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON. MR. OWENS UPDATED THE BOARD WITH THE NEW CELL PHONE POLICY THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED AND DISCUSSED IN MRS. NEATHERY'S REPORT: ADMIN TEAM MEETING PLANS TO IMPLEMENT, AUDIT, UPDATE ON THE NEW INTERACTIVE PANEL INSTALLATION, THE FY 25 TEACHER VACANCY GRANT, REDBIRD CLUB CHANGES THAT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COMPLETED, ROE COACHING GRANT AND THE ATHLETIC MEETING HELD AT VIRGINIA.

NO FOIA REQUESTS FOR THIS MONTH.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS TRANSPORTATION AFTER HOME GAMES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS HOSTED AT TRIOPIA AND MEREDOSIA. THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO TRY AND PROVIDE THIS AFTER THESE GAMES BUT MAY NEED TO HAVE PARENTS TRANSPORT IF A DRIVER IS NOT AVAILABLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ 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 NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES AT 7:18 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:41 PM. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHÉ AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE EARLY GRADUATION PROCESS BEGINNING AT THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. COX AND SECONDED BY MRS. HOBROCK TO APPROVE THE RECYCLING/DISPOSING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE 2024-2025 ESP HANDBOOK. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHÉ TO APPROVE THE 2024-2025 TEACHER HANDBOOK. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MR. BELL TO APPROVE THE UPDATES TO THE VIRGINIA CUSD #64 TEACHER EVALUATION HANDBOOK. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO APPROVE THE 2024-2025 EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFICIALS RATE OF PAY AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL:

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

FIRST READ OF BOARD POLICIES 2:125, 4:70, 4:80, 5:130, 5:200, 6:140, 2:70 E, 2:160 E, 2:50, 2:60, 2:70, 2:140, 2:140 E, 2:160, 4:15, 4:20, 4:110, 5:35, 5:40, 5:180, 5:290, 5:310, 6:40, 6:110, 6:150, 6:185 AND 7:170. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. COX TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED TRANSFERRING MELISSA HARDWICK TO THE JR. HIGH ELA TEACHER POSITION VACANCY, PAUL MORTON AS A PARA/BUS DRIVER, HEATHER LYONS AS A PARA AND DEVRON OHRN AS A JR HIGH BASEBALL VOLUNTEER. THE BOARD ALSO ACCEPTED WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF MOLLY KISLING AS JR. HIGH ELA TEACHER. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MR. FRITSCHKE TO APPROVE CASEY FRENCH AS A JR. HIGH BASEBALL VOLUNTEER COACH. ROLL CALL:

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. HOBROCK AND SECONDED BY MRS. BROCKHOUSE TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:54 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

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CASEY FRENCH, PRESIDENT

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DUSTIN FRITSCH, SECRETARY