

**Van Meter Community School Board of Education**  
**Regular Session-Monday, August 20, 2012**  
**6:30 p.m. @ Secondary Library**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Directors Liz Thompson, Brian Gordon, Lance Lauterbach, Dan Koster, and Jim Folkerts  
Superintendent Deron Durflinger, and Board Secretary Shonna Trudo  
Absent: none  
Guests: Jen Sigrist, Kelly Bell, and John Seefeld

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY**

Secretary Trudo noted that Director Folkerts had not yet arrived.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Gordon moved, seconded by Director Koster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

No comments from the public.

*Director Folkerts arrived at 6:40 p.m.*

**LEARNING REPORTS**

Districtwide

Superintendent Durflinger showed the Board the presentation that he shared with the staff during teacher workshop, emphasizing the type of positive culture he expects from all staff to promote students' success today and tomorrow. He also briefly reviewed the reading proficiency scores for the district.

Elementary

Jen Sigrist reviewed the Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, a systematic approach for teaching behavior expectations.

Secondary

Deron Durflinger reviewed the secondary competency based grading system and how it will be implemented this year. The intent is to create a more personalized learning approach. He answered questions from the Board.

**BUSINESS REPORTS**

Insurance Report – John Seefeld of Jester Insurance reviewed the district's Safety Group Insurance Program through EMC Insurance and answered questions from the Board.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Durflinger reviewed the new student drop off and pick up procedures and also noted that informational meetings regarding the upcoming bond issue have been held with several more informational meetings scheduled between now and September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Durflinger also discussed various technology options the district will be reviewing in order to satisfy technology needs once the current laptop lease expires in June. Lastly, district enrollment numbers are still being finalized, but it appears the school's enrollment has increased nearly 40 students from last year.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Legislative Priorities

Superintendent Durflinger reviewed the proposed legislative priorities that IASB is asking for input on from each school district in preparation of the 2013 legislative session. From a list of priorities prepared by IASB, Mr. Durflinger noted his recommendations for top priorities:

- Supports continued progress in the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks, consistent with, the Common Core Standards (CCS) focused on improving student achievement....
- Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts...
- Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure...
- Supports continuation of sufficient incentives and assistance to encourage sharing, reorganization or regional high schools to expand academic learning opportunities for students and to improve student achievement.
- Supports sufficient state revenues to adequately fund public education as Iowa's number one priority.

Director Folkerts moved, seconded by Director Koster to communicate to IASB the above mentioned legislative priorities for the 2013 legislative session. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Personnel Transactions

The personnel transactions were reviewed. Director Koster moved, seconded by Director Lauterbach to approve the following personnel transactions.

##### Hirings

- Renee Martin – JH Volleyball
- Jody Walter – HS Asst. Volleyball Coach and Teacher Associate (FT)
- Volunteer Football Coaches – Rick Roberts, Brian Gordon, Addison Boughton, Jim Folkerts, and Ken Flaherty

Motion carried 5-0.

#### Elementary Student Handbook

Elementary Principal Jen Sigrist presented the 2012-13 elementary student handbook, noting the various updates implemented in the newer version of the handbook. She answered questions from the Board. Director Koster moved, seconded by Director Folkerts to approve the elementary student handbook. Motion carried 4-1 (Director Thompson – no).

#### Consent Agenda

President Thompson presented the consent agenda items. Director Folkerts moved, seconded by Director Lauterbach to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 regular meeting and July 30, 2012 work session, bills for payment, financial statements for all funds, open enrollment requests, official newspaper, school depository, child abuse investigators, Equal Opportunity Coordinator, and length of school day, all as noted below:

##### Open Enrollments (IN to Van Meter)

- Halle Karaidos – from ADM – K
- Chloe Staley – from Winterset – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Joseph Staley – from Winterset – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Justin Staley – from Winterset – 10<sup>th</sup>
- Jack Johnson – from Winterset – 1<sup>st</sup>

##### Out of Van Meter

- Christopher McGinnis – to Johnston – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Austin McGinnis – to Johnston – 12<sup>th</sup>

##### Official Newspaper

- Dallas County News

##### School Depository

- Wells Fargo, Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT), and Earlham Savings Bank, each with a depository limit of \$3,000,000 for each fund

Child Abuse Investigators

- Level I: Julie Leetch  
Rick Roberts (pending certification)
- Level II: Dallas County Sheriff's Office

Equal Opportunity Coordinator

- Shonna Trudo

Length of School Day

- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Elementary)
- 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Secondary)

Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Folkerts moved, seconded by Director Gordon to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Time: 8:51 p.m.

*These minutes have not yet been approved. For more information, please contact the Business Office at 515-996-9960.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Shonna Trudo  
Board Secretary  
Van Meter Community School