

**Van Meter Community School Board of Education**  
**Regular Session-Monday, October 17, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m. @ Secondary Library**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Directors Liz Thompson, Brian Gordon, and Dan Koster, Superintendent John Carver, and Secretary Shonna Trudo  
Absent: Directors Jim Folkerts and Lance Lauterbach  
Guests: Deron Durflinger, Maribeth Arentsen, Jen Sigrist, Lynne Caltrider, Jake Anderson, Michelle and Emme Skogerson, JJ Huntley, Jack Johnson, and Jen Callahan

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY**

Secretary Trudo noted that Directors Folkerts and Lauterbach were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Gordon moved, seconded by Director Koster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

No comments from the public.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Consent Agenda

President Thompson presented the consent agenda items. Director Gordon moved, seconded by Director Koster to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 annual, organizational and regular board meetings, bills for payment, financial statements for all funds, open enrollment requests, and personnel transactions all as noted below:

Open Enrollments (all IN to Van Meter)

- Paul Logue – 8<sup>th</sup> grader - from WDSM (2011-12)

Personnel Transactions

- Bill Miller – High School Girls Track
- Hailey Beneke – High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing re: MidAmerican Easement

President Thompson called the public hearing to order regarding the underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy Company located near the water tower. No comments had been received in Secretary Trudo's office prior to the meeting. Jake Anderson, City Administrator, spoke of the benefits of granting this easement for economic opportunities for the City of Van Meter. He mentioned that AT&T's plans to build a cell phone tower on top of the City's water tower were currently on hold, but that when funds become available, AT&T would still like to proceed with the project.

Resolution for the Perpetual Underground Electric Line Easement with MidAmerican

Superintendent Carver explained that by granting an easement to MidAmerican to gain access to the water tower and run needed electrical lines, then AT&T has proposed building a cell phone tower that would provide revenue to the City of Van Meter and help stimulate additional economic development for the community. Director Gordon stated that he did not wish to stand in the way of economic development for the city, but that until serious discussions take place regarding the city taking ownership of the Van Meter Rec Complex, that he would not be in favor of granting this easement. Directors Thompson and Koster agreed that the ownership of the complex needs to be addressed, but spoke of their support for this opportunity of an additional revenue stream for the city.

Director Koster moved to approve the resolution for the granting of a perpetual underground electric line easement as presented. Motion died due to lack of a second.

### Bleachers

Mr. Carver reviewed the bleacher bids and various options regarding adding footboards, making some structural changes, and widening the front aisle of the original portion of the stadium bleachers. He also reviewed the remaining Track Project budget and PPEL/SILO monies as potential funding for the additional work to be done to the bleachers. Discussion from the Board. No action taken.

## **REPORTS**

### Superintendent Report

Mr. Carver reviewed the Governor’s blueprint for the direction of education in Iowa entitled “One Unshakable Vision, World-Class Schools for Iowa”. He reviewed the board’s role of setting direction and establishing policies for the district. The administration is then charged with the task of implementing and making operational the board’s vision and direction. The next steps Van Meter will focus on are student learning and the physical plant.

### Business Manager

Shonna Trudo reported that the certified (budget) enrollment for the district is 585.23, an increase of 3.23 students from prior year. The certified budget is a count of resident students. The number of students in the building is actually down 2 students when compared to October 2010. Open enrollment in to the district accounts for 94 students attending. Van Meter resident students open enrolling or tuitioning out of the district are 57 as compared to 54 students last year.

### Good Conduct Policy

No presentation. The Board will review the policy and direct any questions to Mr. Roberts.

### Superintendent Evaluation Process

President Thompson explained that there is a new Superintendent evaluation tool that needs further review by the Board.

### Closed Session in Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i): Superintendent Review

Director Gordon moved, seconded by Director Koster to approve holding a closed session as provided in section 21.5 (1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Time: 8:15 p.m.

Director Lauterbach	absent
Director Gordon	yes
Director Thompson	yes
Director Koster	yes
Director Folkerts	absent

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:55 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Gordon moved, seconded by Director Koster to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Time: 8:55 p.m.

*These minutes have not yet been approved. For additional information, please contact the business office at 515-996-9960.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Shonna Trudo  
Board Secretary  
Van Meter Community School