

Valley Heights Schools - USD 498

Minutes of the Board of Education

March 8, 2021

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The Board of Education of Valley Heights School District No. 498 held its regular meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Valley Heights High School Library in Blue Rapids, Kansas. Board Acting President Sharon Osborne called the regular meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Sharon Osborne, Acting-President; Mike Vermetten, Theresa Minihan, Robert Chase, Melva Sanner and John Walsh.

Others Present: Melissa Kennedy, Superintendent; Teresa Penning, Clerk; Robert Green, Elem. Principal; Chad Kenworthy, Secondary Principal, Ryan Woodyard, Holly Brungardt, Kenny Steinfort, Chad Parker, David Vermetten, Lisa Stryker, Greg Rasmussen and Drew Obermeyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mike Vermetten and seconded by John Walsh to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- USD 498 Board of Education regular meeting minutes from February 8, 2021 and February 18, 2021 Special Meeting and March 1, 2021 Special Meeting.
- Bills Payable
- USD 498 Willson Fund request (See Attached)
- Treasurer's Report
- HRSA Sustainability Grant
- 2021-22 Calendar
- Donation-KRHA Educational Foundation

Sale of District Property

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to make the PAT building and the District Office available for auction with Bott Realty at a time that is convenient for the administration. Motion carried 5-0.

Facility Committee Report

Chad Parker, Kenny Steinfort and Lisa Stryker were present to report on the facility project.

REPORTS

Maintenance Report

Melissa Kennedy gave the Maintenance report. *(Robert Chase arrived at 6:22 p.m.)*

Appointment of Board Member for At-Large Position

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to appoint Bryce Porter for the vacant At-Large Position for Board of Education. Motion carried 4-2.

Principal's Reports

Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Green presented their respective Principal reports.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Melissa Kennedy reported on Early Childhood Schedule, Mental Health Professional Development, District Office parking lot, and Sped Advisory Council.

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to allow Solid Bar Fitness to park a storage container behind the District Office with USD 498 listed as additional insured on the general liability certificate. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Vermetten and Theresa Minihan volunteered to be on the Special Education Advisory Council.

Individual Board Member Issues

John Walsh said that he had a patron voice concern over elementary and secondary students riding on the same bus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Robert Chase to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-elected personnel, for 15 minutes inviting Ms.Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-elected personnel, for 15 minutes inviting Ms. Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Non-elected Personnel, for 5 minutes inviting Ms. Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-elected personnel, for 5 minutes inviting Ms.Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-elected personnel, for 5 minutes and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Break

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to take a 5 minute break. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Contract

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Robert Chase to extend the Superintendent's Contract to June 2023 and setting the salary starting July 1, 2021 at \$112,000. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Osborne moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Teresa Penning, Clerk

Date