

# Valley Heights Schools - USD 498

## Minutes of the Board of Education

April 12, 2021

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The Board of Education of Valley Heights School District No. 498 held its regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 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, Bryce Porter, Melva Sanner, Robert Chase, Theresa Minihan and John Walsh.

**Others Present:** Melissa Kennedy, Superintendent; Teresa Penning, Clerk; Robert Green, Elem. Principal Clayton Reed, Jayne Whitson, Kim Hardin, Ron Hardin, Chrystal Busey, Paula Landoll-Smith, Dawn Tryon and Drew Obermeyer.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mike Vermetten and seconded by Melva Sanner to amend the agenda to add a report from Ron Hardin. Motion carried 5-0.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Chrystal Busey and Paula Landoll-Smith asked if Valley Heights would be interested in allowing the Junior Achievement program for K-6 to come into the schools and teach the students about Financial Literacy. *(Theresa Minihan arrived at 6:01 p.m. and Robert Chase arrived at 6:02 p.m.)*

### COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

Jayne Whitson explained that the Communities that Care will be providing complimentary hygiene products at the schools. She also announced that there will be a Back to School Event in August.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Robert to amend the Consent Agenda by pulling Item J Certified Contracts and L. Technology Purchases. Motion carried 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- USD 498 Board of Education regular meeting minutes from March 8, 2021 and March 11, 2021 at 12:00 PM Special Meeting and March 11, 2021 Special Meeting at 12:05 PM and the March 16, 2021 Special Meeting.
- Bills Payable
- USD 498 Willson Fund request (See Attached)
- Treasurer's Report
- Thermal Comfort Air Preventative Maintenance Contract
- KASB membership and Legal Assistance Fund
- Summer Recreation Contracts (Caden Parker)
- Summer Maintenance Staff (Tiffany Watt, Hallie Beardsley, Joe Zimmerman, Bryan Yungeberg, Perri Hull)
- 2021 Camp and Summer School Staff (see attached)
- Certified Resignation (Wendell Smith)

## **REPORTS**

### **Technology Report**

Ron Hardin presented the technology needs for the District.

### **Maintenance Report**

Clayton Reed gave the Maintenance report on summer projects, HVAC, Track, roofs, and lagoon.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Robert Chase to go into Executive Session for non-elected personnel at 6:55 PM for 15 minutes inviting Ms. Kennedy and Clayton Reed. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Principal's Reports**

Mr. Green gave the Elementary Principal's report.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Kennedy reported on ESSER II CARES Act, Food Service, District Office/PAT transition, Early Childhood update and potential schedule changes.

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to change the 3-year old and 4-year old Preschool fees to \$40 for full paid, \$20 if they qualify for Reduced Meals and \$0 if family qualifies for Free Meals. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Republish Budget**

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to republish the 4-year Old At Risk Budget as presented and to hold the hearing on May 10, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-elected personnel, for 10 minutes inviting Ms. Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan 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 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Melva Sanner 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 8:16 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Non-elected Personnel, for 10 minutes inviting Ms. Kennedy and returning to regular session in the conference room at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Certified Contracts**

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to approve the contract for Jr. Sr. High Principal for Michele Palmgren. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Bryce Porter to approve the contracts for Kayla Vallin and Kelsey Donahue as Elementary Teachers. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Individual Board Member Issues**

Board members discussed the mask mandate. Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Robert Chase that next Monday that Valley Heights go to a strongly suggested but not required mask policy. Motion failed 3-4.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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Teresa Penning, Clerk

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