

Valley Heights Schools - USD 498

Minutes of the Board of Education Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting August 9, 2021

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The Board of Education of Valley Heights School District No. 498 held its regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the District Office, in Blue Rapids, Kansas. Board President Sharon Osborne called the regular meeting order.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Sharon Osborne, President; Melva Sanner, Vice-President, Mike Vermetten, Bryce Porter and John Walsh.

Others Present: Melissa Kennedy, Superintendent; Teresa Penning, Clerk; Michele Palmgren, Secondary Principal; Robert Green, Elementary Principal, Ryan Bishop, Drew Obermeyer, Clayton Reed, Ben Moore, Sammie Parker, Ellie Musil, Holly Brungardt, Emma Brungardt, Tanner Whiting, Kim Gregory and Chrystal Busey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to amend the agenda by adding a report from OPAA as Item IV. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to allow Ellie Musil to speak for 5-10 minutes. Ellie Musil addressed the Board about the COVID 19 mask policy.

Kansas High School Rodeo Association

Emma Brungardt explained her participation in the KHSRA. Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to allow Valley Heights students that participate in the Kansas High School Rodeo Association to be excused as a High School activity. Motion carried 5-0.

Ben Moore

Ben Moore presented two flooring options for the Valley Heights High School. Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to choose A1 for the flooring option to bid. Motion carried 5-0.

OPAA

Kim Gregory reported on OPAA staffing and menus.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Bryce Porter 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 July 12, 2021
- Bills Payable
- Treasurer's Report
- USD 498 Willson Fund request (See Attached)
- Advertise Bus 04-1 on Purple Wave Auction
- Work Release for VHHS Students

Maintenance Report

Clayton Reed and Ryan Bishop reported on the various maintenance issues and projects.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Elementary and Secondary Principals gave their respective reports.

COVID-19 District Protocol

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to recommend but not mandate masks for school and activities except for in District vehicles. Motion carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Melissa Kennedy reported on August Staff Development, Back-to-School update and VHHS Drug Policies.

2021-2022 Budget

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to approve Notice of Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Vacant Board Position

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to appoint Lisa Stryker to the vacant Board position. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to go into Executive Session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for 5 minutes, and also inviting Supt. Kennedy and returning to Regular Session in this room at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to go into Executive Session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter for 5 minutes, and also inviting Supt. Kennedy, Clayton Reed and Ryan Bishop and returning to Regular Session in this room at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Teresa Penning, Clerk

Date