

Valley Heights Schools - USD 498

2274 6th Road, Blue Rapids, KS 66411

September 13, 2021

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Public Budget, RNR and Neighborhood Revitalization Hearing

The Board of Education of Valley Heights School District No. 498 held its Public Budget, Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Neighborhood Revitalization Hearing on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 5:15 p.m., in the District Office, in Blue Rapids, Kansas. Board President Sharon Osborne called the hearing order.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Melissa Kennedy, Superintendent; Teresa Penning, Clerk; Ben Moore, Sammie Parker and Jamie Gillig.

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education of Valley Heights School District No. 498 held its regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 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, Lisa Stryker, Theresa Minihan and John Walsh.

Others Present: Melissa Kennedy, Superintendent; Teresa Penning, Clerk; Michele Palmgren, Secondary Principal; Robert Green, Elementary Principal, Ryan Bishop, Ben Moore, Sammie Parker, Jamie Gillig, Chad Parker, Luke Roepke, Kim Gregory and Carrie Douglas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to amend the agenda by adding Individual Board Member Issues before Executive Session. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luke Roepke addressed the Board regarding quarantine protocols and the impact on the community businesses. Chad Parker addressed the Board regarding the mask requirement.

Curriculum Corner

Sammie Parker presented information on the Leading for Impact program.

OPAA

Kim Gregory reported on OPAA food shortages.

Ben Moore

Ben Moore asked the Board to consider the timeline for getting preliminary bids.

Maintenance Report.

Ryan Bishop updated the Board on the HVAC proposals and High School Classroom repairs.

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to accept the bid from Rooster Rubber for the playground mulch. Motion carried 7-0.

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to accept the proposal from Midwest Coating for roof inspections. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bryce Porter moved, seconded by Melva Sanner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-1. Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- USD 498 Board of Education regular meeting minutes from August 9, 2021
- Bills Payable
- Treasurer's Report
- USD 498 Willson Fund request (See Attached)
- Willson Fund Request (Golf Course)
- Work Release for VHHS Students
- Donations to Schools That Care
- Supplemental Duty Assignments
- Adult Meal Prices
- Bus Stop Canopy and Bench
- Advanced Degree Applications

Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Bryce Porter to approve the Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Neighborhood Revitalization for Washington County

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to approve Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Washington County. Motion carried 7-0.

2021-2022 Budget

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan to approve 2021-2022 Budget as published. Motion carried 7-0.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Elementary and Secondary Principals gave their respective reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Melissa Kennedy reported on enrollment, Willson Trust update, extra duties and Marshall County Health Department updates.

Theresa Minihan moved, seconded by Mike Vermetten to keep the current policy of to recommend but not mandate masks for school and continue contact tracing. Motion carried 6-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Melva Sanner moved, seconded by Theresa Minihan 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 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Vermetten moved, seconded by Lisa Stryker to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Teresa Penning, Clerk

Date