

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**  
**Veazie School Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Veazie Community School Library**

The Veazie School Administrative Unit Committee met at the Veazie Community School Library Media Center on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. School Committee members present were: Kristen Bagley, Paul Dupuis, William Reed, Valli Vel and Todd Zerfoss.

Principal and Superintendent Matthew Cyr was also in attendance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2018**

Reed moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2018.

**IV. Adjustment to Agenda**

Superintendent Cyr had four additions to his Superintendent's Report: Bus Contract, Town/School Marketing contract, SMLC update, and DOE General Fund Expenditure Law.

**V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee**

None.

**VI. Acknowledgements**

Superintendent Cyr acknowledged the intermediate team for two wonderful public performances of Alice in Wonderland, and recognized Brian Gonyar for consistently taking on volunteer roles when help is needed to benefit student programming (including Geography Bee and MathCounts).

Todd Zerfoss recognized VCS basketball coaches Jill Chandler and Brian Gonyar for excellent seasons. He noted that VCS always had 15 students on the team, each with high participation rates.

**VII. Board Chair**

Chair Bagley recognized the variety of after-school programming available to students at almost all levels ranging from sports to STEM clubs to Chess and board game clubs.

## **VIII. Personnel**

### **A. Resignations**

Mike Costello, part-time administrative assistant and part-time mentor, announced his resignation effective June 30, 2018.

### **B. Nominations**

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Cyr, Reed moved, Dupuis seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to hire Melissa Hileman as Head Track Coach and Diane Smart as Assistant Track Coach.

## **IX. Principal's Report**

Mr. Cyr reported on the following:

- Enrollment is holding steady
- VCS is now accepting PreK enrollment applications for the 2018-19 school year
- THE VIKING was published over the weekend and is already receiving positive feedback
- The Girls Basketball Team won the league championship
- Lily Chandler won the 3-Point Shootout and Laurali Parker won the Knockout Competition at a recent skills contest

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. January Financials**

The school district is where we would like to be this time of year. Work is being done right now to predict year-end carry forward numbers.

B. ED279 was released by the Department of Education earlier in January. The valuation of Veazie has increased, and as a result, the State has shifted local responsibility by 13.2%. In addition, the funding formula breakdown has resulted in a significant loss of revenue for FY19. Superintendent Cyr reminded the Committee of a previous presentation where Special Education staffing increases are required for next year. There are also capital projects that must be considered. Superintendent Cyr invited interested School Committee members to meet to go over the details of the draft budget. The first draft presentation will be made at the March 5 School Committee Meeting. Superintendent Cyr and Town Manager Mark Leonard are working together for a joint budget presentation at the March 8 Town Council Meeting.

C. Superintendent Cyr reminded the School Committee that three positions become open/vacant this spring.

D. Superintendent Cyr sought approval from the Commissioner of Education and was granted a one-year extension of the bussing contract. This was done as a cost saving measure as well as to create more time for possible collaboration between districts for future contracts.

E. Marketing/Branding Project with Sutherland/Weston

School Committee members were given “homework” of documenting information about the school and town, to be used for this project.

F. General Fund Expenditure

Public Law 2017 Ch. 284, Part C-4 states that school units shall meet annual targets for the direct instruction percentage share of total General Fund Expenditures. FY19 is 61% ...working incrementally up to 70% in FY23. Superintendent Cyr explained that Veazie is presently operating at 73%, so we are well above the FY19 requirement; and it is not expected that we will have trouble meeting this in the future.

G. SMLC Update

Part I of the application was approved. Part II is in draft. One component is the Committee taking action on approving participation in Part II.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Cyr, Zerfoss moved, Dupuis seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize and approve the participation of Veazie School Department in the Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities’ Part II application to be approved as a School Management and Leadership Center pursuant to 20-A M.R.S. Chapter 123, with the intent that upon the Commissioner of Education’s approval of the Part II application that the Board shall vote to approve an interlocal agreement and cooperative agreement that are consistent with the interlocal agreement submitted with the Part II application.

**XI. New Business**

None.

**XII. Old Business**

None.

**XIII. Board Policy**

None.

**XIV. Request For Information**

None.

**XV. Executive Session**

None.

**XVI. Next Meeting - March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Veazie Community School Library Media Center**

**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Matthew D. Cyr,  
Superintendent of Schools