

**Minutes of Valley Local Board of Education**  
Held at Valley High School

**Regular Meeting**  
February 25, 2015

The Valley Local Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Valley High School library. The President, Troy Gahm, was in the chair.

ROLL CALL: Troy Gahm, present; Carl Crabtree, present; Charles Turner, present; David Flowers, present; Matthew Perkins, present,.

**23-15**

Charles Turner moved to approve the agenda as presented. Matthew Perkins seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes, Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**24-15**

Carl Crabtree moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Organization and Regular minutes of January 5, 2015 and the Special minutes of February 12, 2015. Charles Turner seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes, Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer provided the January 2015 Financial reports for approval.

**25-15**

Troy Gahm moved to approve the financial reports as submitted by the Treasurer. Charles Turner seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. McCrory discussed the following items prior to request for resolution to approve:

- Substitute nominations from Lowell Howard.
- Jeannie Moore as a substitute cook and Christopher Fyffe for sub cook and custodian
- Summer Mollett as a home instructor for a Vern Riffe student.
- Angel Romanello, Allen Phillips, and Travis Prater as volunteers for the Middle School 2015 track season.
- Providing for the issuance and scale of school energy conservation improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of not to exceed \$676,000 for the purpose of energy conservation measures.
- Lisa Taulbee as a Home Instructor for a CAPE student. For 5 hours per week.

Mr. McCrory also introduced the following which addressed the Board.

- Tracy Riehl, the Valley Teachers Associate President, distributed copies of the current VTA contract that is ending July 31, 2015 and specifically mentioned Article 6 E of the contract. She also reminded the Board that the negotiation process is private and new VTA contract copies will be distributed once complete.
- Consumer Science teacher, Mrs. Hays and students discussed class activities and the students showed their quilts that were made in class.

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- Mike Price with the Band Boosters discussed fundraising activities that will be going on and showed the Board the new coats that will be purchased with the funds. Mr. Price also mentioned that new drum line equipment is needed and his hopes for additional band members next year.

Certificate were prepared for Senior Football players for achieving an undefeated SOC season, being SOC League champions and making it to the State Playoffs, three season in a row. The spelling title for Mr. McKinley on the scoreboard will be corrected as soon as possible.

Work on policy updates continue and will be submitted to the Board for review and approval at the next board meeting, 3/18/15.

Mr. McCrory discussed the purchase of approximately 100 Bolo Sticks (a barricade device that is simply installed on the door and operated by whoever is in the room to secure the area from entry.

Mr. McCrory informed the board of the Middle School gym floor damage that occurred due to water leaking from the hot water tanks and also the damage to the ice breaks at the Elementary school, which Mrs. Jenkins roped off for safety.

**26-15**

Carl Crabtree moved to approve the 2014-2015 substitute teacher nominations from Lowel Howard, South Central Ohio E.S.C. Superintendent:

Short-term

Ronald Moniger, Michael Douglas and Mark Marrow

Long-term

David Hannah II, Greg Mauk, and Emmett Robert West

David Flowers seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**27-15**

Matthew Perkins moved to approve the following as substitute cooks and sub custodian:

Sub-Cooks

Jeannie Moore  
Christopher Fyffe

Sub-Custodian

Christopher Fyffe

David Flowers seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

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**28-15**

Charles Turner moved to approve the following as a home instructor for a Vern Riffe student:

Summer Mollett

Matthew Perskins seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**29-15**

David Flowers moved to approve the following as volunteers for the Middle School 2015 track season:

Angel Romanello  
Allen Phillips  
Travis Prater

Carl Crabtree seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**30-15**

Troy Gahm moved to approve for the issuance and scale of school energy conservation improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of not to exceed \$676,000 for the purpose of energy conservation measures, **See Attachment A**. Charles Turner seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**31-15**

Carl Crabtree moved to approve the following as Home Instructor for CAPE student, not to exceed 5 hours per week.

Lisa Taulbee

David Flowers seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**Principal's/Director of Student Services/Transportation**

**Aaron Franke – Middle School Principal Report**

Testing began on Tuesday and Mr. Franke recognized Ryan Hawk, Jeff Rase, Ellen Shope, and Susan Shelton for a fantastic job building a schedule, training teachers to administer the test, and setting up testing groups, etc.

Jr. High Basketball is winding down  
End of the season tournament at SW middle school has been pushed back twice.

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7th grade girls play at SW on Friday at 6:00 pm in a second-round game after beating Oak Hill in the first round.

7th/8th grade boys both play 1st round on Saturday.

7th grade girls finished regular season 6-6 and 8th grade girls finished 5-7

7th grade boys finished regular season 5-8

8th grade boys finished 8-5

Science Fair Update

Seven students from VMS attended the County Science Fair on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Life Center. Three of those students scored a Superior, which qualifies them for the District Science Fair, and the rest received an Excellent.

The three attending the District Science Fair on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Shawnee State University and the titles of their projects are as follows:

Brandon Noel (7th grade) – Corrosion of Metal

Kolton Bauer (8<sup>th</sup> grade) – 3D Printing is Strong? Or “weight”, is it? (comparing the strength of a 3D printer-made screw with a store-bought screw).

Brandon Scarberry (8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Wind Energy

Students need to score a Superior at District in order to advance to State.

Jane Thayer – High School Assistant Principal

Attendance rate for high school remains above 94% for the year. Letters have been sent to students with excessive absences highlighting district policy regarding potential loss of credit. Genesis Awards program is a great tool; also exploring options for additional attendance incentives for the 15-16 school year.

To date, discipline referrals have involved about 51 students which equates to less than 18% of the student body. Less than 3% of those referrals have involved behaviors serious enough to warrant out-of-school suspensions.

Boys and girls basketball teams preparing for tournament play; spring sports athletes gearing up for their regular seasons.

Taylor Sherwood was selected to represent the district in the 2015 River Days pageant and related festivities.

Mandated testing begins tomorrow and continues through the next several weeks.

PARCC testing for ELA and Mathematics February 26<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>; Social Studies AIR testing March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>; OGT testing March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>; EOC Exams in April and May.

Quiz Bowl Team had a winning record during regular season play and will participate in the County Tournament in March.

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Drama Club delivered their presentation to both the Middle School and High School students and will present the finale this Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Mr. Duncan and the students have worked hard since before Christmas break and received many well-deserved positive reviews.

Old Business

New Business

Board Communications

The Board had signed certificates to distribute to the Senior Football players which stated the following:

For the prominence and acclamation which you have brought to yourselves, your families, school, community and achieving **3 seasons in a row** of, **Undefeated SOC seasons**, being **SOC League Champions**, and making it to the **State Playoffs**. Whereas, the members of the Valley Local School District Board of Education, Administration, Staff, and fellow classmates acknowledge and applaud you for all the hard work and dedication you have placed toward your Team Effort to accomplish such personal and team goals; Whereas, this Board also wishes to recognize the coaching staff for their excellence in coaching their team members to the highest level of performance and congratulate them for their team effort and victories to a **Championship Level**. Now, Therefore, We, the Board of Education of Valley Local Schools, Scioto County, Ohio, do hereby salute the outstanding accomplishments by the 2015 **Valley Football Team** and invite the entire community to join with us in Congratulating them! Duly adopted this 25th day of Feb. 2015

The Board also recognized Bre Call for placing in the state hoop shoot contest and Lexi Dodridge for obtaining 1000 points in her basabetball career.

Reports and Recognition of Visitors – None

**32-15**

Executive Session

David Flowers moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. as per O.R.C. 121-12, Charles Turner seconded the motion. The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees; Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

**33-15**

David Flowers moved to re-enter open session at 9:24 p.m. as per O.R. C 121-12, Charles Turner seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried.

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There being no further business, Troy Gahm moved to adjourn the meeting. Charles Turner seconded the motion. Roll call: Charles Turner, yes; Carl Crabtree, yes; David Flowers, yes; Troy Gahm, yes; Matthew Perkins, yes. The President declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

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Board President

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Treasurer