

VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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VIRGINIA MN 55792

*“Committed to excellence in academics and extracurricular activities fostering high academic achievement and enabling lifelong learning, preparing students to be engaged citizens ready for their future.”*

Board of Education Special Meeting  
Monday, April 29, 2013  
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of special meeting.  
The Chair will call the meeting to order using the gavel if necessary. **The Chair will request those with communication devices to either turn them off or place them on silent mode.** This may be a good time to introduce any special guests.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.  
The Chair will ask the members and audience to face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider additions or deletions to the agenda.  
If members have items to be added to the agenda, now is the time. **If you have items that you want removed from the agenda, or removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, make the request at this time.** The Chair will call for a motion and second to approve the agenda.
4. Recognition of visitors and public input regarding the meeting agenda.  
The Chair will ask the audience if they have any comments on the items on the agenda. This gives the public the opportunity to comment on issues prior to Board decisions/action.
5. Consider Consent Agenda:  
The Chair will ask for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or amended. With a motion and a second, the Chair will call for the vote.
  5. 1. Minutes of the April 8, 2013, regular meeting.  
**Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**
  5. 2. Minutes of the April 15, 2013, working session.  
**Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**

5. 3. Cash on Hand Finance Report.  
**Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**
  5. 4. Electronic Transfer Report for March, 2013  
**Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**
  5. 5. Joy Global \$500.00 donation to the Virginia Engineering Club.  
Please accept the donation.
  5. 6. Resignation of secondary physical education teacher Joseph Mellgren at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.  
Please accept the resignation of Mr. Mellgren. We thank Mr. Mellgren for his time and service with the district. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
  5. 7. Hire Karen Lillibridge for an Early Childhood Family Education/School Readiness teacher for 5 hours per week at \$22.52 per hour starting February 22, 2013.
  5. 8. U.S. Steel Corporation \$500.00 donation to the Virginia Engineering Club.  
Please accept the donation.
  5. 9. \$500.00 donation from Mary Jean Harris for Roosevelt Elementary School.  
Please accept the donation.
  5. 10. \$2,000.00 grant from the CTAM Minnesota Community Foundation in general support of the development of speech and theater programs.  
Please accept the grant.
  5. 11. Long Term Substitute Contract for Jeanna Walters Tronnes.  
Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
6. Recognition/Reports:
    6. 1. Student Representative.
    6. 2. Roosevelt Principal.  
Mr. Krebsbach will report on activity and events at Parkview. Please contact Mr. Krebsbach with any questions.
    6. 3. Superintendent.  
Mr. Stender will report on activity in the district. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
    6. 4. Community Education Advisory Committee.
    6. 5. Health & Safety Committee.  
The meeting minutes are attached for your review. Please contact Mr.

Stender with any questions.

6. 6. HWY 53 meetings.

District officials have been actively attending HWY 53 meetings. It is important that we stay engaged and active in the process to protect the safety of our students and financial costs to our taxpayers.

6. 7. Finance Committee.

The finance committee met on April 18. The minutes of the meeting are attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 8. Education Innovation Partners.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, April 23. EIP is focusing on three key themes: 1. A teacher leadership and learning academy, 2. Personalized learning, 3. A regional technology plan. A presentation was given on the progress of EIP to date. The superintendent council will meet on April 30 to consider the next steps and further action. The proposal is attached.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider Concurrent Enrollment Agreement 2013-2014 Academic Year with Vermilion Community College.

Attached is a copy of the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement 2013-2014 Academic Year with Vermilion Community College. We have provided this opportunity for a number of years and it has provided college credit while keeping students in our school district. The cost is the same as last year.

Please contact Mr. Stender if you have questions. Administration recommends approval.

7. 2. Consider Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League for 2013-2014.

This is an annual membership fee that allows our students and activities to participate in the Minnesota State High School League. The 2013-2014 fee is the same as last year. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions. Administration recommends approval.

7. 3. Consider resolution in opposition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's proposed westerly route for the relocation of Highway 53.

If MDOT proceeds with the westerly route, the safety of our students will be compromised by the increased time on buses, buses stopping at and traveling through three sets of railroad tracks, and increased costs of operation and

maintenance on school buses. We estimate an increase of \$210,000 in transportation. The impact on enrollment is unknown. If approved, a letter and a copy of the resolution will be sent to all key leaders.

7. 4. Consider awarding contract to Lenci Enterprises Inc. for repurposing classrooms.

The district completed the sealed bid process in accordance with Minnesota Statute 471.345 and district policy. Sealed bids were opened on Wednesday, April 24. After review of the sealed bids, administration recommends awarding a contract to Lenci Enterprises Inc. for \$38,526.00

8. Personnel:

8. 1. Consider resolution placing a teacher on unrequested leave of absence.

**ROLL CALL VOTE.** This is the final step placing Amber Finch on ULA for .4 FTE. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions. Please approve.

8. 2. Consider hiring Mike Hoche as the District Information Technology Administrator.

Administration has completed the hiring process for the Information Technology Administrator and is pleased to recommend Mike Hoche for the position. Mr. Hoche has technology and educational experience (St. Louis County Schools) that will that will help our district expand our technology services to meet the growing and changing needs of students and staff. The employment contracts are attached for your review (a one month contract and a twelve month contract). Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

The Chair will request comments from the audience regarding actions on agenda items from tonight's Board meeting.

10. Meeting Announcements:

10. 1. VEA Meet & Confer meeting on Monday, April 29, 2013, at 3:45 P.M. in the Superintendent's Office.

10. 2. Technology Committee meeting, Monday, April 29, 2013, at 5:00 P.M. in the Superintendent's Office.

10. 3. Regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

11. Adjournment.