

**VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**411 SOUTH 5<sup>th</sup> AVENUE**  
**VIRGINIA MN 55792**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
**Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order of regular 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.

1. A binder labeled Public Copy of Board Materials and containing board meeting materials is available for public review at the table at the side of the room.

2. Meeting agendas are available for the public at the table at the side of the room.

3. The public may also access school board agendas by visiting the District web page and clicking on School Board: Agenda/Minutes.

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 comment 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. The Board Chair will direct questions to the superintendent or the appropriate staff for discussion after the meeting.

5. Consider Consent Agenda:

**ACTION**

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 October 24, 2016, regular meeting.

**Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**

5. 2. Payment of the bills.

**Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**

5. 3. Resignation of Laura Johnson from the school readiness teaching position effective November 3, 2016.  
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Laura Johnson from the school readiness teaching position. We thank her for her service with the school readiness program.
5. 4. Resignation of Margaret Benner from the Indian Education cultural specialist position effective November 7, 2016.  
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Margaret Benner from the Indian Education cultural specialist position. We thank her for her service with the Indian Education program.
5. 5. Hire Trish Maras for a paraprofessional position effective October 24, 2016.  
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Superintendent Schmidt with any questions.
5. 6. Hire Jenny Markwardt for a paraprofessional position effective November 14, 2016.  
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Superintendent Schmidt with any questions.
5. 7. Hire Debra Meissner DeVries for a .4 FTE, Title I Teacher, Lane MA Step 10 effective October 31, 2016.  
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Dr. Schmidt with any questions.
5. 8. Hire Andrea Lintula for 1.0 FTE Payroll and Benefits Assistant effective December 5, 2016.  
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Superintendent Schmidt with any questions.
5. 9. Hire Nancy Reed for a Noon Playground Aide position effective November 14, 2016.  
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Dr. Schmidt with any questions.
5. 10. Consider Leave of Absence for Elementary Teacher Amanda Faulkner commencing approximately December 7, 2016 through approximately February 10, 2017.  
The leave request will be December 7, 2016 through February 10, 2017, in accordance with state, federal, and District policy. District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed. Per State, Federal and Department of

Labor guidelines administration recommends approval. Please approve this leave request and contact Superintendent Dr. Schmidt with any questions.

6. Reports/Recognition:

6. 1. Student Representative.

Jr. Student Representative A. Seppala's report is attached.

6. 2. RAMS Report.

Executive Director S. Giorgi will provide the report.

6. 3. Virginia High School Principal.

Principal Perkovich's report is attached. Please contact Ms. Perkovich with any questions.

6. 4. Superintendent.

6. 4. 1. Weight Room at Miner's Complex

We have had initial discussions with Britt See-Benes, Virginia City Administrator and Dan Rabideaux, President of the Virginia Amateur Hockey Association about working collaboratively on a utilitarian weight room building at the Miner's Complex.

6. 4. 2. Individual Meetings with Area Superintendents

Have currently met individually with these area superintendents to get history of sharing educational programs and history of school on the Range: Chisholm, Eveleth-Gilbert, Ely, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Mesabi East, Mountain Iron-Buhl, and St. Louis County.

6. 4. 3. St. Louis County School District Profiles

6. 4. 4. St. Louis County Student Enrollment Trends

6. 4. 5. Northland Learning Center

Update: Northland Learning Center is considering requesting to continue leasing the building. They have had board discussions about the possibility of purchasing the building from Virginia Public Schools.

6. 4. 6. Observations from my classroom visits--about 60--in Virginia pre-K - 12.

Observations:

1. Strong relationships between kids and teachers.
2. Teachers strong on procedures, rituals, protocols.
3. Virginia kids well-behaved.
4. Teacher culture is very positive and proactive.
5. Literacy culture is very strong.

6. 5. Strategic Plan Report.

Principal Perkovich will provide this report.

6. 5. 1. Technology- B. Bryson

6. 5. 2. Special Education- J. Nelson

6. 6. Facilities Committee.

6. 7. Enrollment Reports

7. Administration Items:

7. 1. Consider 2016-2017 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Mesabi Range College.

**ACTION**

The attached agreement is an annual agreement for concurrent enrollment/PSEO students who attend Mesabi Range College. The contracted rate remains the same as the 2015-2016 school year (\$1,500.) Please contact Supt. Schmidt with any questions.

7. 2. \$650.00 grant from the Northland Foundation for Blue Devil mascot uniforms.

**ACTION**

Recommendation is to accept with gratitude.

8. Election:

8. 1. Consider Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes of the General Election.

**ACTION**

The resolution has been updated per election results from the St. Louis County Auditor and Minnesota Secretary of State. Recommendation is to approve.

8. 2. Consider Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.

**ACTION**

Recommendation is to approve.

9. Public comment 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. Our next meeting, originally scheduled as a regular meeting, will now be a working session on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. 2. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 11-13, 2017, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Please contact Jane by November 30th if you plan on attending so necessary registrations/arrangements can be made. There is no fee for the conference, but I must register you for the Recognition Luncheon if you plan to attend. Also, hotel reservations should be cancelled by December 1st to avoid charges to the district for unused rooms.

11. Adjournment.

The Chair will call for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

