

**VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
411 SOUTH 5<sup>th</sup> AVENUE  
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 Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 9, 2015  
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**RECOGNITION IN THE CAFETERIA AT 6:00 P.M.**

**-"A" Honor Roll- Juniors and Seniors- 1st and 2nd Qtrs.**

Mrs. Hakly will recognize and present the students who have maintained a GPA of 3.667 or greater during first or second quarter. We recognize and congratulate these students on their academic success.

**-National Merit Scholarship**

Virginia High School Counselor Ms. Larson will recognize and present National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist - Brenden Ireland and National Merit Scholarship Commended - Kennedy Niska. Congratulations to Brenden and Kennedy for their achievement and distinguished honor as national merit scholars.

**-ExCEL Award**

Mr. Bidle will recognize juniors Jay Peterson and Jill Westerbur as the 2015 MSHSL ExCEL Award Winners. We recognize and congratulate them on their success!

**-AAA Award**

Mr. Bidle will recognize seniors Brylee Seitz and Erick Sipila as the 2015 MSHSL Triple A Award Winners. The purpose of this award is to recognize high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, fine arts, and in athletics. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 higher and participate in MSHSL sponsored activities and fine arts. We recognize and congratulate Brylee and Erick on their success!

**Meeting in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104, following Recognition.**

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 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 January 26, 2015, 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. Education Innovation Partners (EIP) 2014-2015 dues.

The dues structure remains the same as last year (base fee of \$6,000 + \$1 per ADM = \$7,732). The district will receive \$180,000 this fiscal period as a result of our membership in EIP. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 4. Resignation of assistant boys track coach Michael Plesha effective January 5, 2015.  
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Michael Plesha from the assistant boys track coach position. We thank him for his service with the track program.
5. 5. Resignation of volleyball coach LeAnn Adkisson effective January 15, 2015.  
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of LeAnn Adkisson from the volleyball coach position. We thank her for her service with the volleyball program.
5. 6. Resignation of Richard Rossbach from the maintenance handyman position effective February 27, 2015.  
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Richard Rossbach from the maintenance handyman position. We thank him for his service with the district.
5. 7. Hire Thomas Lassila for Part Time Bus Driver position.  
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 Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 8. Long Term Substitute Contract for MaryKay Moe.  
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 Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 9. Hire Dawn Trexel-Kroll for Title I Aide position at Parkview.  
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 Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 10. Leave of Absence for paraeducator Debra Grabau commencing on January 16, 2015 through February 27, 2015.  
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 Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 11. Paid Leave of Absence for paraeducator Roberta Hietala commencing on

February 19, 2015 through April 10, 2015.

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 Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. School Board Recognition.

School Board Recognition Week - February 17-20, 2015. Please take the time to thank our board directors for the important job they do.

6. 2. Applied Learning Institute (ALI) Report.

ALI Coordinator Roy Smith will report on the work and role of ALI at Virginia and districts across the Iron Range.

6. 3. Activities Director.

Mr. Bidle's report is attached.

6. 4. Student Representative.

The student representative's report is attached.

6. 5. Virginia High School Principal.

Principal Hakly's report is attached.

6. 6. Superintendent.

Superintendent Stender's report is attached.

6. 7. Health & Safety Committee.

The minutes are attached for your review.

6. 8. City Liaison Report.

Directors Manninen and Tammaro attended the City Council meeting on January 27 and will give a oral report on the meeting.

6. 9. Community Education Advisory Committee.

Community Education representative Tammaro and Mr. Stender will provide a report on the Community Education meeting held on February 4. Please contact Mr. Tammaro or Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 10. Facilities Advisory Committee.

Facilities Advisory Committee Chair Hafdahl and Superintendent Stender will report on the February 4, 2015 meeting. Please contact Mr. Hafdahl or Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider accepting a \$9,000.00 grant for the Goodman Auditorium audio update from the Virginia Educational Fund.

**ACTION**

Recommendation is to accept this generous grant. We thank the Virginia Educational Fund for supporting our school.

7. 2. Consider Agreement of Assistance for Emergency Transportation with Essentia Health.

**ACTION**

Essentia Health is requesting that the District agree to provide emergency transportation in the event of an emergency evacuation at the hospital. Mr. Judnick and I met with the regional facilities manager to review and discuss this request and recommend school board approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 3. Consider recommendation to purchase two (2) Suburban vehicles from Iron Trail Motors for \$37,903.75 per vehicle, less \$5,000.00 trade-in for three (3) older Suburbans, for a total purchase price of \$70,807.50 exclusive of taxes, fees, or licensing payable by the district.

**ACTION**The purchase of two suburbans was approved last spring and are in the FY 2015 budget and capital outlay plan. By law Type III vehicles are limited to 12 years of age (in order to transport students). We are replacing two Type III vehicles that have reached there limit. Mr. Judnick has followed the bid/purchase process and we recommend approving the purchase of 2 suburban vehicles from Iron Trail Motors. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 4. Consider approving revised course/graduation requirements.

**ACTION**

The curriculum committee and Mrs. Hakly have reviewed courses and graduation requirements and recommend removing computer applications as a graduation requirement and adding it to the junior high schedule. This move results in senior high students being able to schedule another elective and places computer applications at an age/skill appropriate level.

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

7. 5. Consider approving Resolution for Legislation and Approval for Local Learning Year.

**ACTION**

I am asking the school board to consider approving this resolution to support

a statewide effort by school districts to have the legislature authorize legislation granting school districts local control in the development of their school calendar. I am not proposing any changes to our school calendar but want the school board to have the ability and flexibility to develop a calendar that meets the needs of its students and community. If the board approves this resolution, it will be sent to our legislators, MDE, and educational agencies. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

8. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

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

9. Meeting Announcements:

9. 1. Technology Committee meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 3:15, in the Virginia High School Conference Room.
9. 2. Facilities Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 7:15 a.m., Superintendent's Office.
9. 3. Board working session on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 4:30 P.M. in the Board room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 4. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 5. Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 6. MSBA Joint Legislative Session, March 5, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza, St. Paul.

10. Adjournment.

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