

NORTH VERMILLION COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education
on November 19, 2024, at the North Vermillion High School Conference Room
located at 5555 North Falcon Drive, Cayuga, Indiana 47928.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President Bean at 7:01 p.m.

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| ROLL: | Mr. John I. Bean, President | Present |
| | Mrs. Joan E. Hathaway, Vice President | Present |
| | Mrs. Sadie Paige, Secretary | Present |
| | Mr. William T. Fulton, Member | Present |
| | Mr. Brian L. Hughes, Member | Present |
| | Mr. Jason D. McLain, Member | Present |
| | Mr. Brandon Thomann, Member | Absent |
| OFFICIAL: | Daniel A. Nelson, Superintendent | Present |
| | Brian C. Byrum, Asst. Superintendent | Present |
| | Paul Pfladderer, Consultant | Present |

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, John Bean, at 7:01 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sadie Paige and said in unison. Prayer was given by William Fulton.

B. ROLL CALL

On call of the roll, board members present were John Bean, William Fulton, Joan Hathaway, Brian Hughes, Jason McLain and Sadie Paige.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No amendment was required. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by William Fulton
Seconded by Brian Hughes
Motion carried 6-0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 22, 2024, Regular School Board meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by Joan Hathaway
Seconded by Sadie Paige
Motion carried 6-0.

E. SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS & REPORT

School Highlights were given by Mr. Kirk for the elementary school and the Jr./Sr. high school:

- School Principal's Conference—Nov 25 & 26
- 10 Staff members will attend ISU Power of Reading and Power of Math Summits at ISU—Nov 25 & 26
- PTO Santa's Secret Shop at NVES—Dec 4-6
- Christmas Program at NVES (Grades K-3)—Dec 12
- NVHS National Honor Society's Food Drive wrapped up last week
- Fall Play "The Play That Goes Wrong" high school edition was a success
- NVHS Boys Basketball is starting next week
- NVHS Girls Basketball team was runner-up in the Banks of the Wabash Tournament last week
- BPA Annual Trip will be held at ISU this year—Dec 13 (Approximately 38 students will attend)
- Truman House Talk (addiction and substance abuse) at NVHS—Dec 12
- NVHS Boys Basketball will compete in the Gobbler Classic at Rose Hulman—Nov 30
- Thanksgiving Break—Nov 27-29
- American Legion Scholarship Test at NVHS—Nov 22 (NVHS had 6 scholarship winners in 2023-2024)

- PSAT Exam Results were very positive. Ten out of fifty-two students scored high enough for the National Merit Scholarship in Language Arts and Math. Fifty-three percent who tested are on track to meet state expectations for college/work force readiness.
- WRCTE—2 students have been asked to participate in paid internships for next school year in the heavy machinery and auto programs.
- NVHS attendance rate is at 95% (grades 7-12) for the first time in at least seven years. Mr. Kirk gave credit to Mrs. Britton for calling parents, sending letters and working with the Vermillion County courthouse to improve our students' attendance.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin Paxton spoke about an incident at NVHS with his eighth-grade child earlier this week.

G. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

The school board discussed the board member vacancy due to William Fulton's term ending at the end of December 2024. The school board reviewed three, very qualified candidates that applied for the open position.

Motion by Brian Hughes to appoint Derek Hughes.

There were no seconds

Motion failed

Motion by William Fulton to appoint Steve Russell

Seconded by John Bean

Motion failed--3 in favor/3 abstained

Motion by Sadie Paige to appoint Gladys Spencer

Seconded by Joan Hathaway

Motion failed--3 in favor/3 abstained

The board adjourned to recess, but then decided they didn't need a recess so they reconvened the meeting to engage in a positive discussion about the applicants.

Motion by William Fulton to appoint Steve Russell

Seconded by John Bean

Motion failed--3 in favor/3 opposed

Motion by Sadie Paige to appoint Gladys Spencer

Seconded by Joan Hathaway

Motion failed--3 in favor/3 opposed

Appointment of new board member was tabled for December 17, 2024, school board meeting.

H. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Classified Staff Performance Evaluation

Assistant Superintendent Byrum recommended a new Classified Staff Performance Evaluation to board members for approval.

Motion by Sadie Paige

Seconded by William Fulton

Motion carried 6-0

2. Equipment Purchase

Assistant Superintendent Byrum presented three quotes for the purchase of a new maintenance tractor to replace the old Kubota tractor and recommended the purchase of a John Deere 3046R model for approval.

Motion by Jason McLain

Seconded by Brian Hughes

Motion carried 6-0

3. Falcon Activity Center (F.A.C.) Policy Revision

Superintendent Nelson recommended the approval of the Falcon Activity Center (FAC) Policy Revision.

Motion by Joan Hathaway

Seconded by William Fulton

Motion carried 6-0

4. 2025 Board Calendar

Assistant Superintendent Byrum recommended the approval of the School Board Calendar for 2025. Meetings will continue on the third Tuesday evening of each month, unless certain circumstances would warrant a change.

Motion by William Fulton

Seconded by Brian Hughes

Motion carried 6-0

5. Personnel

Assistant Superintendent Byrum recommended the Board approve the following Personnel actions:

A. Resignations

1. Kristin Tintera effective December 21, 2024

C. Maternity Leave

1. None

D. Retirements

1. None

E. Appointments

1. Savannah Folsie—NVES Part-time Teaching Assistant effective October 24, 2024

F. Other

1. Classified Staff Salary Increase
 - a. \$0.50 per hour increase--start of the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Jason McLain
Seconded by Sadie Paige
Motion carried 6-0.

I. Treasurer

1. **Financial report filed for audit**
2. **Approval of Claims & Ratification of Payrolls**

A motion was made that claims numbered 60563 to 60677 be approved as presented and to ratify payrolls of October 11, 2024, and October 25, 2024.

Motion by Sadie Paige
Seconded by John Bean
Motion carried 6-0.

J. Board Information

- Financial Report was given by Paul Pfledderer.
- Assistant Superintendent Byrum reported how well the school corporation is doing financially and that overall enrollment numbers are up. He thanked Mr. Pfledderer for his report of balances, reported the windows were replaced in the Corporation building and that brick work will be done on the front exterior of the Corporation building next week. It was also reported the 2025 budget looks good.

Adjournment

There being no further business to present, Board President, John Bean, called for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

John I. Bean, President

Sadie Paige, Secretary

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm. in the North Vermillion High School Conference Room.