

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Villa Grove Community School District #302 of Douglas and Champaign Counties, Illinois was called and held Monday November 19, 2018 at the Villa Grove Community Unit School District Building within the boundaries of said district. Upon roll being called the following members were found to be present: Jim Clark, Jill Stevens, Carol Ezell, Jim Kestner Charlie Mitsdarfer and Bill Fulk.

**Time: 5:54 pm**

Administrators present: Mr. Tracy, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Beck

VGEA REPRESENTATIVES present: Amanda Smith

Visitors present: Traci Poe, Bill Price, Cassandra Eversole-Gunter, Noreen Acton, Matt Pangburn, Corey Kappas, Gina Block Grant Nohren, Nathan Kiser, Carrie Kiser, Amy Rund, Mike Stevens, Ryan Block Chris Eads, Heather Eads, Mindi Clodfelder, Sean Clodfelder, Marilyn Clodfelder, Jim Wells Mark Graves, Jodi Poorman-Smith, Dave –CTS, Brandon Little, John Loraine.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to combine both public hearings for RFP's into one meeting. All members present voted in favor.

Public Hearing to hear comments regarding the plan to issue an RFP for Third Party Transportation Contract and an RFP for Bus leasing.

No Comments were made

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to close the public hearing. All members present voted in favor.

**Hearing closed 5:56 pm**

**Regular BOE meeting opened 6:00 pm**

Visitor comments regarding the VGH Athletic Co-op

Mindi Clodfelder asked the following questions/comments:

She would like to formerly request a meeting before the board votes on the Co-op renewal.

What is the benefits of VG athletes by being in the Co-op with Heritage?

Was the original decision for the Co-op based on numbers per sport?

Yes, we looked at sports with low number and no coaches.

Was it looked at before it was renewed the last time?

There is more than enough VG athletes all the way down to 6<sup>th</sup> grade for our own teams.

If there were no Co-op would it have a negative impact?

Bill Fulk – yes, there are full schedules this year for the freshman team, JV team and Varsity team. All kids get the opportunity to play or at least get better. The girl's numbers are down.

How many Heritage boys played on football team?

Coach Wilson – the Co-op helps the football numbers.

Carrie Kiser – Financially is it a 50/50 split?

Jim Clark – Yes

Corey Kappas – Are the VG numbers in basketball low because kids don't want to go to Heritage to play?

Heather Eads – Maybe high numbers discourages the VG players from going out.

Jim Wells – How much is frustration of no playing time part of the attrition?

Marilyn Clodfelder – When does the contract have to be signed? By creating JH sports our numbers are increasing. We would be able to field our own teams.

Noreen Acton – The contract has to be signed by August 1, 2019 but we want to have it done in Jan. 2019.

Mr. Tracy – The conference has to approve it as well.

Jim Clark – Both boards want to decide soon to move forward with scheduling.

Matt Pangburn – Where are we at with numbers now?

Jim Kestner – If everything changes every 2 years it is very disruptive for AD's the conference and coaches. There is in-depth discussions before we sign the contract.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda for closed session minutes, bills paid and treasurer's report. All members present voted in favor.

Principal Summaries 2018 school report card:

Both HS/JH and Elementary received a Commendable rating. PARCC test grades 3-6 scores were up 13.2% from 2017 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> levels. We are at 62% EBF. No subgroup is under performing.

Attendance will affect future State funding. We are working hard to improve attendance.

We will get the updated school offerings on the website before next school year.

School Referendum – Jim Clark reported that the At Large school board election referendum passed in all townships. We are waiting for the Douglas County Clerk to certify it.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve CTS Group for selection as ESCO. All members present voted in favor.

CTS Group Presentation – Mark Graves, John Loraine, Dave and Brandon Little gave a presentation on how they are going to assist the district with future improvement plans. After the BOE prioritizes the list of needed improvements, Brandon Little will present his plan at the Feb. or March meeting, so we can decide what work will be done next summer.

Clark moved and Fulk seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to issue a RFP for a Third Party Student Transportation Contract. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to authorize the superintendent to issue a RFP for a Bus Lease Contract. All members present voted in favor.

Clark moved and Kestner seconded a motion to adopt the tentative 2018 Property Tax Levy as presented. All members present voted in favor.

**A special meeting is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for final approval of the Tax Levy.**

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

Selection of two members to serve on Athletic Co-op Committee are Jim Kestner and Carol Ezell.

Lockers are ordered and will be installed over the holiday break.

Football Field Grass – one bid was received to reseed the field. This has been tabled until more bids can be received.

Parking lot lighting – one bid was received to upgrade the lighting in the North parking lot. This was tabled until more bids are received.

Softball fence replacement – Two bids were received, this was tabled until a third bid is received.

#### **Principal's Report:**

Sondra Burwell is the Elementary Teacher of the month.

Students of the Month:

K. Emmett Midcareer

1. Vance Wilkey

2. Gracie Fitts

3. Axton Thode

4. Alex Estaban-Raymer

5. Xander Cook

6. Peyton Martin

Data days for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 1:30 dismissal

Second Wednesday of month

February 13<sup>th</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to Villa Grove Fire and Police Departments and Carle Hospital Air Life for their assistance for Fire Prevention/evacuation day. The drill went great.

Thanks to MS Cardiff for organizing the Variety Show. Thanks to Cullen Porter, Becky Olson and Beth Weussing for helping with the show.

Thanks to all the teachers for preparing the students for the Veterans Day program. Special thanks to Mrs. Howard for making the assembly a success.

5Essentials School survey is designed to help school and district improve their understanding of the parent/school relationship. It will be available 11/15/2018 – 1/18/19.

Need 20% of parents to complete it

Need 4-12 grade students to complete it

Need all teachers to complete it

JH/HS

Congratulations to Mr. Napolitano and Ms. Cardiff on the wonderful fall concert.

Congratulations to the Band and Choir members that made it to District V.

A Dance was held on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. A great time was had by all who attended.

## HS

Congratulations to Band and Choir members who made it to District V.

Fall Sports banquet was held on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Meet the Player night was held at Heritage on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Change requests to Student Handbook for 2019-2020**

Random Drug testing policy for – All Athletes, FFA, FCCLA, Students who drive to school, Shop classes

Early Graduation options

Long term Doctor's note for PE

Math Curriculum changes

Clark moved, and Stevens seconded a motion to move to closed session. All members present voted in favor.

8:58 pm

Ezell moved Clark seconded a motion to re-convene to open session. All members present voted in favor.

9:43 pm

Ezell moved and Kestner seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Jenny Vincent, JH Dance Coach. All members present voted in favor.

Ezell moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the employment of Alyssa Hudson and Katina Clodfelder, Co-Sponsors of JH Dance. All members present voted in favor.

Ezell moved and Fulk seconded a motion to approve the employment of Jeane Brieland, Part Time Mathematics RTI Aide. All members present voted in favor.

Ezell moved and Kestner seconded a motion to approve the employment of Jennifer Knierim, Bus Driver. All members present voted in favor.

Ezell moved, and Stevens seconded a motion to adjourn. All members present voted AYE.

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 PM

**ATTEST:**

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Board Secretary      Carol Ezell

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Board President      Jim Clark