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The budget hearing meeting of the Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County Board of Trustees was held on July 26, 2023 at VLA. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dan DeGrow; Mary Gilbert; Kathleen Kish; Fran McBride; Cynthia Raymo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:**

Dan DeGrow made the motion to keep the board officer positions the same for the 2023-2024 school year. This was seconded by Cynthia Raymo. All were in favor. Kathleen Kish resumed the meeting as board president.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Josh Everitt, VLA Principal; Linda Sikora, Academy Business Manager; Jason Stier, VLA Art Instructor/Curriculum Opportunity Coordinator; Jean Sturtridge, RESA Director of Legal Services; Brenda Tenniswood, RESA Superintendent; Liz Yanik, Recording Secretary/Program Coordinator

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Josh Everitt requested that Informational Item C: VLA Relocation be moved to the beginning of the meeting while still remaining an informational item. Once this has been presented with opportunity for discussion, we will then move into our meeting's action items.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**A. VLA Relocation**

Kathleen Kish provided a brief history of the VLA program and the vision cast for VLA. She then extended an opportunity for Brenda Tenniswood to brief the board members on the decision to relocate VLA at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. All board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. This will remain a standing item on future board meeting agendas as VLA, with the support and resources of RESA, begin the process of finding a new building.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **A. Approval of Minutes (*Enclosure #1*)**

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Dan DeGrow to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes      **Motion: Carried**

### **B. Approval of Bills (*Enclosure #2*)**

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Mary Gilbert to approve the June 2023 bills (check numbers 3750-3768 for a total of \$142,234.41) as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes      **Motion: Carried**

### **C. Approval of 2023-2024 Meeting Dates, Times & Place (*Enclosure #3*)**

It was moved by Dan DeGrow and supported by Cynthia Raymo to approve the 2023-2024 Meeting Dates, Times & Place as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes      **Motion: Carried**

### **D. Approval of 2023-2024 Organizational Business (*Enclosure #4*)**

It was moved by Dan DeGrow and supported by Mary Gilbert to approve the 2023-2024 Organizational Business as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes      **Motion: Carried**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **A. June 2023 Financial Report (*Enclosure #5*)**

Linda Sikora shared the financial report for June 2023. VLA continues to remain fiscally sound.

### **B. 2022-2023 VLA Graduates**

Josh Everitt distributed VLA's 2022-2023 graduate composite flyer highlighting 21 students who graduated from VLA last year. He is also shared out graduate post-high school plans and successes as a way to celebrate another successful year for VLA.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:**

Next board meeting is September 20, 2023 @ 10 a.m. at VLA.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Dan DeGrow and supported by Fran McBride to adjourn the July 26, 2023 meeting at 11:14 a.m.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes

**Motion: Carried**

  
Liz Yanik, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: Fran McBride  
Fran McBride, Secretary/Treasurer