

The rescheduled, regular meeting of the Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County Board of Trustees was held on March 14, 2024 at VLA. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dan DeGrow; Kathleen Kish; Fran McBride; Cynthia Raymo

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mary Gilbert

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting as presented.

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

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

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Cynthia Raymo to approve the February 2024 bills (check numbers 3869 – 3883 for a total of \$4,679.89) as presented.

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

### **C. Approval of New VLA Business Manager**

It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Fran McBride to approve Keli Wilson as the new VLA Business Manager.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

### **ACTION ITEMS: VLA RENOVATION**

Brenda Tenniswood presented three converging challenges VLA is facing. Josh Everitt presented the administrative team's initial thoughts on addressing these challenges. Three action items were then discussed.

#### **A. Timeline for Recommendations Related to Structural Deficit**

Josh Everitt shared a few cost saving options for the 2024-2025 school year. Personnel budget expenses were requested from the business office. It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Dan DeGrow to table this action item and revisit at the April meeting.

#### **B. Short-Term Option for Relocation**

Josh Everitt presented the administrative team's recommendation to use a portion of the RESA East building temporarily as VLA's central hub and drop-in site. Exploring additional drop-in sites was discussed. It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Dan DeGrow to approve the short-term relocation to RESA East.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

#### **C. Long-Term Option for Relocation**

Josh Everitt shared that Blue Water Community Action was still the best option at this time. It was moved by Cynthia Raymo and supported by Dan DeGrow to table this action item and revisit at the April meeting.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **A. February 2024 Financial Report (*Enclosure #3*)**

Linda Sikora shared the financial report for February 2024.

#### **B. Administrative Update (*Enclosure #4*)**

Josh Everitt presented our spring count data, including enrollment, FTE's, student demographics, TEC, BWMC, and CTMC enrollment, graduates and more. He also shared a slideshow highlighting some VLA events, graduates and student success stories.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:**

It was determined that an April board meeting was necessary. That meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at VLA.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at VLA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Cynthia Raymo to adjourn the March 14, 2024 meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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

  
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Liz Yanik, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:   
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Fran McBride, Secretary/Treasurer