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The regular meeting of the Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County Board of Trustees was held on December 11, 2024 at 3403 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI. 48060. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Art Czachowski; Kathleen Kish; Fran McBride

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Josh Everitt, VLA Principal; Jason Stier, VLA Curriculum Opportunity Coordinator; Jean Sturtridge, RESA Director of Legal Services; Brenda Tenniswood, RESA Superintendent; Heidi Tenyer, RESA Account Clerk; Keli Wilson; VLA Business Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

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

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Art Czachowski to approve the minutes of the October 22, 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 Art Czachowski to approve the October and November 2024 bills (check #3990-4018 for a total of \$87,308.00).

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

C. Approval of New Board Recording Secretary

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Art Czachowski to approve Heidi Tenyer as VLA's new board recording secretary.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

D. Approval of Tracie Eschenburg's Resignation

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Art Czachowski to approve Tracie Eschenburg's resignation.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

E. Approval of New Board Member

It was moved by Art Czachowski and supported by Fran McBride to approve Greg Rousey as VLA's newest board member.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

F. Approval of Bid Recommendation (*Enclosure #3*)

Brenda Tenniswood shared the bid recommendation from Barton Malow including five bid categories, direct costs, project contingency, project general conditions, project construction management and project architect fees.

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Art Czachowski to approve the bid recommendation as presented.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Administrative Update

Josh Everitt shared an update on VLA's course completion numbers for the months of September, October and November, highlighted VLA's annual Thanksgiving feast event, discussed the student demand for more in person supports and time and the use of the library in Port Huron and the library in St. Clair to meet with no more than five students on Mondays and Wednesdays to meet those demands, the plan to launch TRAILS to Wellness at VLA to address student mental health needs, VLA's most recent staff professional development day and parent teacher conferences scheduled for December 11, 2024. He also shared out some board requested information on the reasons that students are reporting for why they are leaving their previous district and looking to

enroll at VLA. Josh also shared out the Fall 2024 newsletter and two student success stories from two of VLA's recent graduates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Per the request of Kathy Kish, Brenda Tenniswood brought attention to the corrective action plan that was completed as a result of the projected fund balance decrease due to the necessary renovations needed for VLA's new building to meet school code requirements. It was noted that if VLA maintains a stable per pupil allowance and FTE enrollment, VLA's fund balance will rebound nicely over the next few years.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025 at 4:00pm in the RESA administration building board room (499 Range Road, Marysville, MI. 48040).

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Fran McBride and supported by Art Czachowski to adjourn the December 10, 2024 meeting at 4:37 p.m.

PUT TO A VOTE: All: Yes Motion: Carried



Josh Everitt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 

Fran McBride, Secretary/Treasurer