

**VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM
VHS COMMONS**

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

Mrs. Innes led the Pledge of Allegiance with the VES January Students of the Month.

Legislative Report - Mrs. Russell spoke about HB 189 regarding a statewide behavioral threat management operational process for public and chartered non-public schools and SB 19 which are academic interventions services at public schools and the establishment of mathematics improvement and intervention plans.

Student Liaison Report - Andy Stillman, Director of Athletics - Swim Team Recognition

Student Board Member Report - Miss Dunn spoke about the boy's bowling team making it to sectionals and Leo Club heading up a blood drive. Also, Ski Club went to New York and students are excited for winter formal.

Public Participation - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

17.26 Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board to approve the revisions of District Policies for the second read:

- Policy 4162 Drug and Alcohol testing of CDL license holders
- Policy 4162.01 Drug and Alcohol testing of CDL license holders who transport Students in alternate vehicles (non-DOT testing)
- Policy 8600 Transportation
- Policy 8600.04 Bus and Alternative Driver Certification
- Policy 8640 Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
- Policy 8650 Transportation by Alternative Vehicles

Mr. Benson seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

18.26 Mrs. Stepp motioned to the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vermilion Teachers Association (VTA) and the Vermilion Local Schools Board of Education for the term of September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 regarding Articles XII and XX. Mrs. Russell seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

TREASURER'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

19.26 Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board to approve the Financial Report for January 2026. Mrs. Treece seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

20.26 Mrs. Russell motioned to the Board to approve the February 2026 Financial Forecast. Mr. Benson seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

Mrs. Innes stated that based on the forecast presentation, it is very important that we pass our renewal levy in November and because of legislation, it can no longer be called an emergency levy. Even though they changed the name, it still works the same way in that it will not increase tax payers tax bill.

Mr. Klingshirn stated that a positive vote for that will actually reduce current tax bills because a renewal will pull Vermilion off the 20 mil floor due to recent legislative changes in this type of levy.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

21.26 Mrs. Russell motioned to the Board to approve the following donations:

- \$250.00 from Sharon Hikade to Sailorway Middle School
- \$1,500 from Kiwanis Club of Vermilion to the 8th Grade VHS Washington DC trip
- \$1,500.00 from Kiwanis Club of Vermilion to the Sailorway 7th Grade trip to Cleveland
- \$5,000.00 from The Sidney Frohman Foundation for Health and Wellness
- \$750.00 from Northern Ohio Medical Specialists to the Athletic Fund for advertising
- Book Vending Machine and \$1,000.00 to stock with books to SMS from The Kiwanis Club of Vermilion
- \$4,500.00 from Grace's Kitchen to Sensory and Literacy

Mrs. Stepp seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

22.26 Mrs. Russell motioned for the Board to approve the Ritter Public Library Trustee appointments of Jacob Raffo and Julie Armstrong-Sexton to the vacated terms of Pam Reese and Eileen Bulan. The terms will be 12/31/2027 and 12/31/2029 respectively. Mrs. Stepp seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

CONSENT AGENDA

The Superintendent and Treasurer recommend that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items. Action by the Board of Education in "Adoption of the Consent Agenda" means that all items are adopted by one vote unless a member of the Board, the Treasurer, or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

23.26 Mrs. Stepp motioned to the Board to approve the following items on the **Consent Agenda**:

- A. Approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular meeting of January 12, 2026.
- B. Approve the 2026-2027 membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association at a cost of \$50.00 per high school sport.
- C. Approve the Soundsations day trip to Ann Arbor, MI on February 20, 2026.
- D. Approve the participation of the indoor track team in the OATCCC Indoor State Track Meet.
- E. **Approve the following employment action:**

- **Resignation:** Mike Palm, VHS Teacher, effective June 30, 2026
- Approve the 2025-2026 Classified Substitute Contract for Christopher Branham, bus driver in training at \$17.00/hr.
- Approve the One (1) year Additional Duties Contract for the 2025-2026 school year to the following:
 - Kristina Edmison, VHS Head Girls Track Coach, Level 29, Step 6
 - Seth Lyons, Assistant Track Coach, Level 16, Step 6
 - Madyson Kessler, SMS Girls Head Track Coach, Level 14, Step 2
 - Kurt Innes, SMS Boys Head Track Coach, Level 14, Step 2
 - Ashley Caruloff, SMS Assistant Track Coach, Level 13, Step 0
 - Gehrig Gabriele, Boys Head Baseball Coach, Level 24, Step 0
 - Kurt Habermehl, Boys Assistant Baseball Coach, Level 15, Step 6
 - Michael D'Egidio, Assistant Baseball Coach, Level 15, Step 6
 - Jacob Baker, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, Level 15, Step 6
- Approve the One (1) Year Non-Teaching Contract for the 2025-2026 school year to the following:
 - David Domonkos, VHS Head Boys Track Coach, Level 29, Step 6
 - Tim Volzer, VHS Assistant Track Coach, Level 16, Step 6
 - Hannah Bartlome, VHS Assistant Track Coach, Level 16, Step 6
 - Ethan Young, VHS Assistant Baseball Coach, Level 15, Step 0
 - John Bartlome, VHS Assistant Softball Coach, Level 15, Step 1
 - Eric Mayer, SMS Softball Coach, Level 14, Step 0
 - Terrence Anders, VHS Boys Head Tennis Coach, Level 22, Step 6
- Approve Joshua Buchanan, VHS Baseball Volunteer
- Approve the One (1) year 2025-2026 Classified Substitute Bus Monitor Contract to Steve Sutton.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda - None

Mr. Benson seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

Dates and location of upcoming Board meetings. Meetings will be held in the Vermilion High School Commons, 1250 Sanford St., Vermilion at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

- Regular Meeting - Monday, March 9, 2026
- Regular Meeting - Monday, April 13, 2026
- Regular Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

24.26 Mr. Benson motioned to the Board to move into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

Mrs. Innes seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

Time into Executive Session: 6:51 pm Time out of Executive Session 8:05 pm.

25.26 Mrs. Innes motioned to the Board to approve Wes Weaver as Superintendent of Vermilion Local School District effective August 1, 2026.

Mrs. Treece seconded. ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

26.26 Mrs. Stepp motioned to the Board for the meeting to be adjourned. Mrs. Russell seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Benson, aye; Mrs. Stepp, aye; Mrs. Russell, aye; Mrs. Innes, aye; Mrs. Treece, aye; Miss Dodge, aye; Miss Dunn, aye

Time adjourned 8:06 pm.

ATTEST:

Board President

Treasurer

