

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

Every adult helping every child succeed today, tomorrow, and beyond!

REGULAR MEETING

This is a meeting of the Vermilion Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business, and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda. Vermilion Board Bylaw 0169.1.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____; Mrs. Innes _____;
Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

III. Pledge of Allegiance with the VES January Citizens of the Month who demonstrated that they are persistent individuals:

Vincent Thiessen	Liam Morgan	Sage Simmons
Sloane Case	Ellie Kuhn	River Fleming
Austin Henry	Elijah Campbell	Elijah Brown
Tucker Canter	Ryleigh McCann	Alex Fisher
Saylor McPheron	Jason Crawford	Alex Lucas
Milo Lasch	Elliot Christofferson	
Randall Jayjohn	Ellanor Quinn	
Damian Horak	Liam Etter	

IV. Legislative Report -

V. Student Liaison Report - Andy Stillman - Swim Team Recognition

VI. Student Board Member Report -

VII. Public Participation on Agenda Items Only - This time is allotted for community members to speak to the Board regarding an item(s) on this agenda. Please register your name, address, topic, and group affiliation (if applicable).

- ❖ Time Allotted: 30 minutes total. Individuals should keep their time to 3 minutes or less. The Board President reserves the right to limit a speaker's time

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recommend a resolution for the Board to approve the revisions of District Policies for the second read (Attachment A).

- ❖ 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

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

B. Recommend a resolution for 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 (Attachment B).

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recommend a resolution to the Board to approve the Financial Report for January 2026 (Attachment C).

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

B. Recommend a resolution to the Board to approve the February 2026 Financial Forecast (Attachment D).

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

C. Recommend a resolution 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

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

D. Recommend a resolution 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.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

X. 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.

- A. Approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular meeting of January 12, 2026 (Attachment E).
- 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:** Michael Palm, VHS, 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 to be removed from the Consent Agenda

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

XI. 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

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Public Participation section of the Board of Education's agenda is specifically designed for the public to address the Board with their compliments, concerns, ideas, and/or questions. The Board welcomes your comments. If you wish to address the Board regarding an issue, the Board would remind you of two things: first, your comments should be factual and respectful of the rights of others, and second, before coming to the Board with an issue, you should have first addressed it with the appropriate teacher, staff member, or administrator. This meeting of the Board of Education in public is for the purpose of conducting the School District's business.

- ❖ Time Allotted: 30 minutes total. Individuals should keep their time to 3 minutes or less. The Board President reserves the right to limit a speaker's time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1), I hereby move that the Board adjourned to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

Time into Executive Session: _____ Time out of Executive Session: _____

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

Roll Call: Mr. Benson _____; Mrs. Stepp _____; Mrs. Russell _____;
Mrs. Innes _____; Mrs. Treece _____; Miss Dodge _____; Miss Dunn _____

Time adjourned: _____