

June 22, 2023, in the Central Office Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.

The Board was all asked to sign letters to officially thank Brian Lanoue, our State Representative and Heather Somers, our State Senator, for their legislative on the “Hold Harmless” to maintain our ECS or Educational Cost Sharing grant allocation at \$2,117,243 for this 23-24 school year and next.

Kate Beuparlant (Chairperson)  
Meagan Wicks (Vice Chair)  
Cathy Grant (Secretary)  
Valerie Muschiano  
Christopher Wilson

Arikka Kalwara  
Sarah Thompson

Adam S. Burrows (Superintendent)  
Dee Dee Jackman (BOE Clerk)

Kayla introduced Julia Lavin as our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and Sarah Siefert as our new 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. Mr. Burrows announced that they were the top candidates interviewed and were also observed teaching a lesson by a selection committee for these available teaching positions made available due to a retirement and recent reassignment).

**MOTION # 1 (6/22/23) was made (Wicks/Wilson) to appoint Julia Lavin as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 2 (6/22/23) was made (Muschiano/Wicks) to appoint Sarah Seifert as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 3 (6/22/23) was made (Wilson/Grant) to approve making adjustments to the World Language teaching position from a full-time to a part-time position; all in favor; motion passes.**

The Board discussed returning the World Language position to a full-time position for the 24/25 school year. It was recommended to advertise for this early and possibly seeking out an intern fresh out of college. The Board also noted that Spanish would be the preferred language taught at VES to better serve the students in their futures.

**MOTION # 4 (6/22/23) was made (Grant/Muschiano) to appoint Esther Ewen as a part-time World Language (Spanish) teacher for the 23/24 school year; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 5 (6/22/23) was made (Wilson/Grant) to verify the replacement (due to a resignation and a retirement) with two (2) Paraeducator with Special Services positions with up to 28.5 hours per week for each position; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 6 (6/22/23) was made (Muschiano/Grant) to create, if needed, one (1) Paraeducator with Special Services position with up to 28.5 hours for an outplaced tuition student who is returning to VES; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 7 (6/22/23) was made (Grant/Wicks) to appoint Juta Fedor as a part time Summer Custodian; all in favor; motion passes.**

Mr. Burrows distributed the following reports/information to the Board:

- Summer School Student Services Program Report
- 2023-24 Faculty & Staff Assignments Update as of 6/15/23
- Urgent Crisis Center flyer from the Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.

He also announced that Griswold will be building a new regional YMCA complex and aquatics facility and representatives from Voluntown to review possible future regional opportunities. The invitation mentioned this facility will be ideal for tournaments and competitions, swim teams, lessons, family time and summer programs.

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION # 8 (6/22/23) was made (Muschiano/Wicks) to invite the Superintendent of Schools and move into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of Reviewing Contracts; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 9 (6/22/23) was made (Wicks/Grant) to move out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 10 (6/22/23) was made (Muschiano/Grant) to approve adjustments to the evening Custodial position from a full-time to part-time positions with equivalent or more total hours; all in favor; motion passes.**

**MOTION # 11 (6/22/23) was made (Wilson/Grant) to allow Juneteenth as a paid holiday on the federally observed day of the week for the three full-time Classified staff; all in favor. Motion carries.**

**MOTION # 12 (6/22/23) was made (Grant/Wilson) to authorize Fred Dorsey, our School System Attorney, to finalize the last steps of the negotiation process for the 2023-2025 Board of Education and the Voluntown Non-Certified Employees CSEA, SEIU, Local 2001 Contract as proposed on June 22, 2023, barring no materials counter proposals; all in favor. Motion carries.**

### **IV. UPCOMING MEETING:**

BOE Meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION # 13 (6/22/23) was made (Wicks/Grant) to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; all in favor; motion passes.**

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Respectfully drafted and edited by:

*Dee Dee Jackman, Board of Education Clerk*

*Adam S. Burrows, Superintendent of Schools*

**APPROVED AT THE 8/24/23 BOE MEETING**