

March 25, 2021

4 p.m.

Vermilion Country School Board

Present: Jodi Summit, Karin Schmidt, Marit Kringstad

Absent: Paula Herbranson (excused), Michelle Lubinski (excused)

Also present: Frank Zobitz

Motion to approve agenda by Marit, second by Karin- all yes

Motion to approve consent agenda, minutes from Feb. 25 regular meeting and March 4 personnel meeting by Marit, second by Karin- all yes

Motion to approve 2021 board officers by Jodi, second by Marit- all yes

Chair- Jodi Summit

Vice-Chair- Marit Kringstad

Secretary & Treasurer- Karin Schmidt

Lake Superior Tall Ships Partnership

Frank made the contacts to make this possible

Takes 6 students for overnight sailing/environmental ed program

No charge to students/school

Will be an ongoing annual opportunity, one or two trips a year

Would start next school year

Motion to pass resolution of support by Karin, second by Marit- all yes

TEDA grant for entrance signs, highway signs

Received a grant for \$1,500

Quotes for shorter directional signs for Hwy 135 and by civic center, larger sign for at entrance road

\$2,800 for large sign

\$1,500 for small sign (each)

Motion to purchase two new larger signs for school entrance road at cost of \$2,800, will wait on ordering smaller signs until get authorization for sign placement. Have grant to cover \$1,500 of the cost. Give Frank the authority to spend up to \$3,000 additional for the two smaller direction signs.

Motion by Karin, second by Jodi- all yes

Paycheck Protection Program grant

Received first round loan for approx. \$90,000

We have almost used up that money in payroll and lease expenses, so eligible for forgiveness.

Frank- PPP-2 opportunity, seeing if the school is eligible, deadline is end of March

Motion to approve applying for PPP-round two, if school meets financial eligibility guidelines, by Marit, second by Karin- all yes

We will be using this money to serve our students and support our staff. Congress has made these one-time loans available to nonprofits like ours. Unlike school districts, public charter schools receive no local property taxes that can help offset state cuts. We are grateful for this one-time support and are using it to pay our staff and support our students during uncertain time.

Motion to approve 2021-22 school calendar by Karin, second by Marit- all yes

Made some changes after input from staff

Will start Tuesday after Labor Day, ends June 3

169 instructional days

Only 3 days off week of T-giving

Graduation would be Friday, June 3

Food Service

Looking ahead to next school year, options:

-Do not offer food service

-Do food service on our own, not part of federal program

-Run our own program with federal program

-Become a site of someone else's food program

-Contract out food service to local restaurant

Motion to give Frank authorization to research financial impact of each option by Karin, second by Marit- all yes

FY19 Academic Performance Eval (from two year ago)

Frank will be reviewing with the staff

Board reviewed the summary information

Administrator Eval Process

Board reviewed info used last year and will use again this year

Frank will be starting work on staff evals

No board training this month

Motion to approve February financials

Deposits of \$122,813

Expenses of \$74,982 posted to SmartFinance

We did repay our line of credit, and cash balance is healthy

Motion to approve financials by Karin, second by Marit- all yes

School Updates

Getting new anti-bullying software ready (was free to school)

Did apply for a Cares grant from SLC- did not receive, didn't award to non-profits
Have applied for more covid-related grants for PPP, safety materials needed
May be up to \$50,000 in round two, may be more available in round three
Funding can be used for furniture, structural pieces, and technology
Such as new desks and chairs, lockers, building renovations, possibly a vehicle
Last year we did approve purchasing new computers/chromebooks (still on backorder). They
are finally available, cost is lower than we expected, about \$20,000
Possibly some more funding coming from state and for summer programming, will discuss with
staff

Osprey Wilds site visit on April 30 via Zoom

At this point in time, indoor graduations are permitted with social distancing between families
or groups of 6, to allow for contact tracing if needed, capacity based building occupancy,
encourage outdoor ceremonies if possible, masks are required

We will plan graduation in house (10 seniors)

Did ASVFAB testing today, MCAs and NWEA coming in April and May

One new 7th grader starting this week, two add'l students may be starting soon

Passed our food/nutrition site visit review

Also had our kitchen/health inspection last month and passed

Motion to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.