

MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE

VALLEY ALTERNATIVE LEARNING AND TRANSITIONING SCHOOL

A regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Valley Alternative Learning Transitioning School of Banner County (#1), Bayard (#21), Bridgeport (#63), Gering (#16), Kimball (#53), Minatare (#2), Mitchell (#31), Morrill (#11), and Scottsbluff (#32), was held at the ESU #13 Technology Center, Room E-194, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff, Nebraska on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at noon. Notice of the meeting was given by publication of the time and place thereof in the Star Herald on June 4, 2020.

A. Call to Order

President Brad Helgerson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Helgerson, Peters, Lang, Winn, Pieper

Absent: Holliday, Gilliland

C. Adopt Agenda

Pieper made a motion, seconded by Lang to adopt the agenda. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland- absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang- yes, Winn- yes, Pieper- yes. Motion carried.

D. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)

Peters made a motion, seconded by Lang, to excuse absent board member Brent Holiday. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland- absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang- yes, Winn- yes, Pieper- yes. Motion carried.

E. Administrator's Report: George Schlothauer

- Welcome New board members from Sidney: The new board members have not been decided as of yet, but Chris Arent (SPS High School Principal) and Jay Ehler (Superintendent) joined us to discuss VALTS South. Sidney purchased 7 slots for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The current board members were introduced.
- Budget Report: The budget was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Schlothauer explained that VALTS manages to stay under budget. Mr. Peters asked how the budget will change with the addition of Sidney. Mr. Schlothauer was unsure at this time and will discuss with Jodi Walker.
- Update on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter classes and Zoom: It was discussed that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was done via zoom with the COVID 19 pandemic. VALTS staff and students zoomed from home Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids were split into three tiers. Mr. Schlothauer stated that COVID was definitely a challenge and he commended the staff for adjusting to changes as they happened.
- Update on summer school: There were 42 students registered for summer school. Science, Language Arts, and Math were taught. Students were from Gering, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Sioux

County, and Banner County. The Title 1C program had students from Bayard and Cozad. Summer school was attended via zoom.

- Discuss the future for next year: The theme for next year is New World Order. The classes will be as follows: COVID stats/ Business Math, Oceanography/ Astronomy, Speech/ Personal Communications, and American Government. The VALTS South addition was discussed. There will be a new DL classroom added to the new ESU 13 facility to accommodate this addition. Mr. Peters asked where classes will be held until the facility is open. Mr. Ehler said they will be held at the WNCC facility for now. Kevin Namuth, the monitor for VALTS South has been hired. He will begin this fall.
- Graduation June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Plaza in Gering: There will be 6 to 8 graduates depending on how summer school goes. We will bring the board up to date on this in September. The board members were invited to graduation. Mr. Lang commended the venue for graduation.

F. Approve Interlocal Agreement due to Sidney joining VALTS for the 2020-2021 school year. Amend by laws and Interlocal Agreement: This was changed per attorney Jerry Ostdiek due to the addition of VALTS South. Peters made a motion seconded by Winn. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland, absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang, yes, Winn, yes, Pieper, yes. Motion carried.

G. Approve Student Handbook for 2020-2021 school year: Mrs. Winn will send punctuation corrections to Mr. Schlothauer. Winn made a motion to approve the student hand book, seconded by Lang. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland- absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang- yes, Winn- yes, Pieper- yes. Motion carried.

H. Board Comments: It was discussed that Sidney board members can attend remotely per the open meetings law. It will be advertised in Sidney and Scottsbluff newspapers. It was also discussed that with the addition of Sidney, Scottsbluff will not need representation and Mr. Lang and Mr. Gilliland were thanked for their service on the board.

I. Recommended Action on the following Items:

- Approve Minutes from the March 10, 2020 board Meeting. Winn made a made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded By Lang. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland- absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang- yes, Winn- yes, Pieper- yes. Motion Carried.
- Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing in the amount of 77,658.00 for the 2019-2020 school year. Winn made a motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter billing, seconded by Lang. Helgerson- yes, Gilliland- absent, Holliday- absent, Peters- yes, Lang- yes, Winn- yes, Pieper- yes. Motion Carried.

J. Suggested Meeting Dates:

- 1) December 8, 2020
- 2) March 9, 2020
- 3) June 8, 2021

K. Adjourn: With nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.