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VELVA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2025 5:00 PM MEETING ROOM

VELVA PUBLIC SCHOOL
The regular meeting of the Velva
Public School board was held in
the VPS meeting room at 5pm on
November 10, 2025. President Selzler
called the meeting to order at 5pm.
Present were President Selzler, Vice
President Harden, board members
Kasowski, Haskins and Colby. Also
present were Monty Mayer, Skyler
Helseth, Kelly Mogen, Nancy Dockter,
and Karen Hinch.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. There was a motion to approve the agenda by Kasowski and a 2nd by Haskins. Motion carried.

Karen Hinch and the board discussed the progress measures and what steps to take to improve the score. Board vote was motioned to accept the score of 44 with a motion by Haskins and a 2nd by Harden. Motion carried. The document was signed and sent to Karen by the board.

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Colby and a 2nd by Kasowski, motion carried. The Consent agenda was approved to include the following:October board minutes,

Administrative reports, and bills as follows:

School Lunch- AutoPay #4 check #9192-9199 total \$21,018.70. General Fund- Payroll - AutoPay- #227801441-227801450 check #133937-133946 DD #227801779-227801927 PR total =\$397.652.67.

GF Bills - AutoPay #227801442-227801452 check #31606- 31640 GF total \$174.440.51.

Activity Fund- Checks #31333-31399 total \$32,050.58. Building Fund checks #1279-1281 total \$11,145.47. Sinking and Interest Check #1112025 total \$117,700.

There was discussion for the new school vehicle that was purchased. The school board retreat was discussed and reminded to the board for November 17th at 5pm at the Legion.

The superintendent formative evaluation was discussed. There was a motion by Harden and a 2nd by Kasowski to accept the formative evaluation with a satisfactory score. Roll call Colby, Kasowski, Haskins, Harden, Selzler. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 8th, 2025 at 5pm in the VPS meeting room.

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End of year transfers and moving forward to the New Year

Reporter Heather Tudor

Whats happening in the area

The Velva City Commission met on Monday, December 15th at the Velva City Hall. Commissioners present were Commission President Mike Schreiner, Mary Liz Davis, Ben Zietz, David Keller, and Gene Jenson. Other City officials present were Auditor Jenny Johns and City Engineer Emma Lavachek.

Kevin Kittleson was present as a guest and addressed the Commission regarding a parcel of land just on the outskirts of town that was of interest. Commissioner Jenson made a motion to start the process to open this parcel up for bids. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was approval of past meeting minutes. There was a regular meeting on November 17, 2025. Commissioner Keller made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17th. Davis to second the motion, motion carried.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of payroll and bills. That total came to \$59,131.86. Commissioner Davis to make a motion to accept the payroll and bills total of \$59,131.86. Jenson to second the motion, motion carried. Next on the agenda was a letter of complaint about a dog which included a \$50 fine.

McHenry County Sheriff's Department, David Dewanz, reported that the S.W.A.T. team training on Dec 11th went very well. Mr. Dewanz had some volunteers that were chosen as hostages for the training. There may be another training event scheduled within the next year mentioned Dewanz.

Next on the agenda was the report of the president. Mr. Schreiner mentioned there was needed discussion about the AED machines purchased by the Velva Fire Department Gaming that were distributed around town at certain business locations. It was brought to Mr. Schreiners attention that

the pads for the AED machines need replaced every two years in order for the machines to continue working properly, which was not clear to the Commission when previously discussed, the cost \$814.90 for the ten machines that were purchased and disbursed. Commissioner Keller made a motion to pay the fee to replace the pads for the machines for this year, and letters need to go out to each business/location that received a machine and the cost to replace the pads in two years will be approximately \$80 to the business/ locations responsibility in the future. Commissioner Jenson seconded the motion, motion carried

Under the reports of the commissioner's tab on the agenda....Mary Liz Davis had nothing new to report. Commissioner Keller reminded the commissioners of the turkey bingo that was happening at the Velva Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Zietz had nothing new to report, as well as Mr. Jenson, who also had nothing new to report.

City Auditor Jenny Johns reported that she is currently working on the end of the year transfers and payroll liabilities reporting as well. Johns also mentioned that the 2024 audit has been completed. Johns also reported the mandatory reporting to the federal government for the ARPA money as well as the Prairie Dog funding that the City of Velva received that was close to \$500,000, if not closed out and reported, the government could ask for the money back. Johns asked the Commission if the meeting times could be a little earlier than 7:00pm as some Commissioners would like to be able to make the ambulance/fire department meeting that happen at the same time as the regular Commission meetings. Commissioner Keller made a motion to consider the 1st reading of meeting times being

changed to 6:00pm. Jenson to second the motion, motion carried. City Engineer Emma Lavachek reported that there was another business from Velva that inquired about the same parcel of land that Kevin Kittleson was inquiring about and asked Ackerman Estvold about an estimated cost to put a culvert and sewer in, so she gave an estimate for that. Then there was some activity regarding the Sunset 2nd addition in town.

Mr. Schreiner reported that the planning and zoning committee met and gave some recommendations about the Sunset 2nd addition parcel. There was some concerns on previous promises/commitments this property not being finished like was previously planned and a concerned resident would like this project to be finished. Commissioner Jenson made a motion to approve the plat as submitted and subject to certain conditions and amendments as agreed upon by city engineer, city attorney, and Planning and Zoning Committee. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion; motion carried with two no votes.

Under the new business tab. Johns reminded Commission that this is an election year. There are two Commission positions as well as Commission President position that will be opening up. Members can pick up their election packets at Velva City Hall on January 1st, 2026, and start working on those when they desire. There are also two positions on Park Board that are available, plus a couple of measures that need to be voted on. Side note, the January 2026 and February 2026 meeting dates will be moved to a Tuesday evening because of Martin Luther King, Jr Day in January and also Presidents Day in February.

If you wish to be on the agenda for the January 20th meeting, deadline is the Thursday at 12:00 noon before the Tuesday meeting.

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